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June 17th

Miss R. E. Cleveland

Dear Sister

The Mail Steamer arrived yesterday & no news of any change in the U.S. District Attorneyship for Alaska. We are very much depressed at the long delay.

I shall venture this mail to write directly to your Brother, the President. I know how he must be pressed with public business & how small Alaska Matters must appear in comparison with others claiming his attention.

Still the Educational interests of the 30000 natives of this region

are being hindered by the persecutions of a drunken, ignorant U. S. Dist Attorney.

I left Charges against him, when I was in Washington last April. And the case is so bad, that we have been hoping & praying that your Brother would have found time to have removed him ere this.

Every month that he is left here he is stirring up strife & doing great harm. Only an hour ago I saw him so drunk that he could not walk straight, and the Deputy Marshal was helping him to his room.

What influence you think it in

dicious to use, please do so for his early suspension —

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
Genl Agent.

To

June 17th

President Cleveland

Hon & Dear Sir

When in Washington last April, I left with the Honorable Attorney Gen Garland, written Charges against the U.S. Dist Attorney Hoskett of Alaska.

His opposition to Schools is so violent & his official position gives him so much power for annoying & hindering the School work, that his early removal becomes very desirable — The Schools will not be left to do their work undisturbed until he is removed.

He has stirred up a violent row

falling between the Russians & Native and under its influence arrayed the Russians against the Native Training School at this place to that extent that the Officers of the School have been compelled to hire an extra Night-Watch to save the buildings from being burned down.

He also excited the Russians to make a complaint that the School was absorbing town property obstructing public highways &c. &c. by the buildings & fences which have been erected on wild unsurveyed Government land & which comprises in the organic act

Creating a Civil Government for Alaska expressly states shall remain in possession of the School until further legislation by Congress. In this Complaint they asked & secured an injunction forbidding the Officers of the School from completing their fences, setting out shade trees, making garden, or doing any work whatever on the property. As soon as the case reached the Court it was thrown out & the injunction dissolved. As the judge neglected to place the Complainants under bonds, when the costs came back upon them, they had nothing to pay & the Missions Board was put to

an expense of 250$ for defending itself against the malicious attack.

The U.S. Dist Court has been in session over 30 days & scarcely a day has passed, no matter what the case was, that he has not made an attack upon the Native Schools.

He has also taken pains to make the Indians dissatisfied with the Schools & withdraw their Children from them.

Every month that he is allowed to remain only increases the difficulties with which both the Mission & the Government teachers in this region have to contend with.

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The case is so intolerable that I beg of you as a special favor, if need be to the teachers that are undergoing so many hardships in this far off, out of the way section, to remove Mr Haskett the U.S. Dist Attorney for Alaska, at once. & give us a good man in his place Either Mr David Lawson of Clarion Pa or Mr William Norcross of Monmouth Me. (Whose application are on file in the Attorney General's Office) I know to be choice men for the position

All the other Civil Officers, I have been to know, desire his removal.

He has never taken a legal course of study

— Knows nothing of law — During 30 days of Court has practically lost every case, he advocated — he is low in his tastes, obscene in his language — an habitual drunkard & gambler.

I am sorry to trespass on your time, but the case is so urgent, that we are compelled to plead with you for speedy relief —

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

U.S.A. Sitka
Sitka Alaska
June 15th 1884

To the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington D.C.

Sir

Rev Sheldon Jackson has shown me a letter in which a statement of complaints received at your office from Natives of Sitka is set forth as an officer under government who have been here for some time and is fully cognizant of all the facts I would most respectfully state that in regard to the complaints as numbered in your letter

1st The original town site plat of Neuchadonget was thrown out by the land office sometime some after the purchase of Alaska and there is no town site

2nd
The Davis road as originally built is still open the only encroachment being a fenced way over it sufficiently wide and high to permit safe and easy passage to the largest wagon or team in town. Not one rod has been fenced up nor any attempt been made to do so. The Russians never graveled a road or walk and until Neil Davis built the road only an Indian trail existed of which the lounging all over Alaska is a net work. Neil Davis made a good hardwood graveled road which has since been improved by the many but the so called Russian litigation never put on court or worked another one this week. The so called Public road or Park consisting of a few feet gravel

through half a mile of marsh and bog over which very seldom any but persons other than an occasional unwary stranger

3 Like all schools certain hours are set aside for parents visits and they are never at these times prohibited, unless peculiar circumstances should necessitate it, it has been the exception not the rule

4 The part in regard to black labor was before the Grand Jury last week and they although supposed to be anxious to find a true bill threw the charge out as frivolous

A small contract twice or thrice held finally to an Indian who was another Indian supposed to be a slave to help him pay a debt

Olga Hilton to
Sheldon Jackson

1887-8-9-90

INDENTURE OF APPRENTICESHIP

IN

INDUSTRIAL AND TRAINING SCHOOL

AT

SITKA, ALASKA.

This Indenture, Made in duplicate, this Nineteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven BETWEEN

Sheldon Jackson
U. S. General Agent of Education in Alaska

~~Alaska~~ — PARTY OF THE FIRST PART, and ..... (if father alone state that the mother is dead, or has deserted him; same in case of mother alone, if both that they are the natural parents of the child naming it, if one or the other (father or mother) that he or she is the natural father or mother as the case may be, if neither father or mother are alive, or can be found, state so, and what personal relationship, if any, exists between the apprentice and the contracting party) of Olga Hilton a girls fifteen years old an ~~infant under the age of fourteen years,~~ of ..... in the said District of Alaska, PARTY OF THE SECOND PART: WITNESSETH that the party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR ($1) of lawful money of the United States in hand well and truly paid by the said party of the second part; (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,) and in consideration of the covenants, promises and agreements hereinafter to be made, done and performed by the said party of the second part, does hereby covenant, promise, and agree to and with the said party of the second part, as follows:

(1) *First.* That the sum of money hereinbefore acknowledged to have been received in trust for the use and benefit of said hereinafter bounden Olga Hilton to be paid to her on demand when she shall have reached the age of eighteen years (if a female 18; if male 21.)

(2) *Second.* That the said hereinafter bounden Olga Hilton is hereby received as an apprentice.

(3) *Third.* That said corporation ~~will and their agents, teachers and employers~~ General Agent will place her in a good Eastern School will, feed, clothe lodge her (him or her), and will carefully maintain and support her in sickness or in health, furnish proper medical attendance when required, and teach her to read, write and cipher, and also some useful trade, profession or occupation as to said ~~Corporation~~ Agent seem proper, and which she may be mentally and physically capable of learning; and said ~~corporation~~ Agent will at all times during the continuance of this instrument carefully supervise and guard her temporal and spiritual welfare.

And the said Mary Hilton party of the second part hereby covenants, promises, and agrees to and with the said party of the first part as follows:

(1) *First.* That she (he, she, or they) hereby firmly by these presents bind the said Olga Hilton ..... to the said party of the first part as an apprentice till such time as she shall have reached the age of eighteen years (boy 21 years; girl 18.)

(2) *Second.* That she (he, she or they) occupy no the personal relationship to the said hereinbefore bounden Olga Hilton as is hereinbefore set forth.

(3) *Third.* That to the best of her knowledge, information and belief the said Olga Hilton is on the day of the date hereof fifteen years, four months, and seven days old.

(4) *Fourth.* That she will at no time during the continuance of this Indenture attempt to influence or bias said Olga Hilton against the treatment, influence, management, or control of said party of the first part; except as allowed by law, nor allow any other persons to do so, nor will she in any way or by any means attempt to seduce or entice said Olga Hilton away from said parties of the first part, or allow others to do so knowingly.

(5) *Fifth.* That in the event of said child running away or deserting her said master, the party of the first part, that they will assist and use every means in her power to have her returned to said parties of the first part or their order.

And it is hereby mutually understood and agreed between the parties hereto, that the object of this apprenticeship is for the purpose of ameliorating and improving the present mental, physical and social condition of the said hereinbefore mentioned and bounden

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of the same, having been first read, interpreted to said parties of the second part, and having also been compared.

Sheldon Jackson SEAL.
(Parties of the first part.)
+ Mary Hilton's mark
G W Gouside SEAL.
(Parties of the second part.)

(All parties must acknowledge this before some officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments.)

Henry E. Culter

(After the signatures to the original Indenture the Apprentice should sign the following:)

I, Olga Hilton

the above bounden, being over fourteen (14) years of age, do hereby freely and voluntarily consent to the terms and conditions of the foregoing Articles of Apprenticeship, and promise and agree to abide by the said terms and conditions.

WITNESS my hand this Nineteenth day of November A. D. 188 7

SIGNED IN PRESENCE OF

G W Gaunder
Henry C Coulter

Olga Hilton

(Form of Acknowledgment for Apprentice after the age of 14.)

UNITED STATES.
District of Alaska. } *ss.*

Personally appeared before me the undersigned ~~Clerk of the District Court~~ U.S. Commissioner and ex Officio Judge of Probate
(or United States Commissioner and *ex-officio* Judge of Probate, as the case may be,)

in and for the District of Alaska Olga Hilton

well known to me to be the person within bound, and she acknowledged to me that she was over fourteen (14) years of age, that she had carefully ~~read~~ heard read (or had heard read) the within Indenture of Apprenticeship and knows the contents thereof, and its intent, effect and meaning; that she truly and voluntarily consented to the terms and conditions thereof, and had appended her signatures thereto without being unduly influenced or coerced so to do.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 19th day of November A. D. 188 7

[L. S.]

Louis L. Williams
U.S. Commissioner and
ex Officio Judge of Probate.

As an officer on the Hart I must say that certain members of the Birch Government have spent their energies and time in trying to break up this Indian School instead of attending to flagrant breaches of the law which took place daily under their eyes and into which they joined

The District attorney is particular an example He has been drunk more than half the time on whiskey which he bought in Victoria when the law distinctly says that such sale is illegal and not a man has been arrested. Trusting that this letter may have weight

I am Sir Respectfully

J. Wm Bolton

Lieut U.S. Army Retired

Copy

Sitka Alaska June 17th 1869

Hon Comm. of Indian Affairs

Washington D.C.

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Sir, I have read the letter of Lieut Miller & know in what he says. The conduct of Gov Kinkead, Marshall Killgore & Dist Attorney Cashell toward the Indians should have especially looked Dr Sheldon Jackson in my judgement without a case.

The largest saloon keeper in town told me this very day that the Dist Attorney owed him a large sum for drinks at the bar & that he did not expect to get a cent out of him.

Gov Kinkead has been drunk most of the time and spends his intervals in cursing Dr Jackson.

The Indian woman told me a few days ago that the marshall is her sweetheart (slept with her) & I have every reason to believe that she told the truth.

Such men have no power for Missions, nor for what they touch. They have stewed up strife since they came & have made the lives of some of our missionaries for the past six months a burden.

It is about time that some authority in Washington knew something of the private lives of those men who are opposing Christian schools. It should also be remembered that the Missions or rather teachers in Sitka are single, & under ignorant & conservative Gov. they are always behind the times.

I have the above statements deliberately repeated from short notes if necessary. Yours Respectfully

John G. Brady, Mil. Governor

copy.

Juneau Alaska
June 26, 1885

To the
Secretary of the Interior
Hon & Dear Sir

Lately some parties instigated by the U.S. Dist Attorney (Hallett) & letters from personal malice have circulated a petition for the removal of Dr Sheldon Jackson as Genl Agent of Education in Alaska

We the undersigned Citizens of Juneau would protest against his removal & assert that our most intelligent & reliable Citizens — those who have the best 10 years of the Country at heart, desire the experience & energy of Dr Jackson in the establishment of our schools

Signed

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Sept 20th 1

To President Cleveland

Hon & Dear Sir

I notice by the N. Y. Herald that Col R. D. Crittenden of Fort Wrangell Alaska has been in Washington as an applicant for an office in Alaska — anything from the Governship, or Collector of Customs down to Commissioner at Wrangell.

Knowing that you desire to secure good men both for the best interests of the public service & the credit of your administration & also knowing that you can not be expected to know the character of all applicants for office, I desire to write you that Mr Crittenden is unworthy

unworthy of any office. I have known him for six years past, during which time he has been living with several Indian squaws. As far as I can learn he has supported himself by gambling. He is also a hard drinker. He was held office here under the Republicans, but was dismissed the service. If appointed he will be a disgrace to your administration.

We are much pleased with your recent appointments to this Section and the official opposition to the schools has ceased.

With great respect I remain

Yours truly

Sheldon Jackson

U.S. Ind. Agt.

Sept 26th

To the Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sir & Dear Sir

I notice by the N.Y. Herald that Col R. D. Cutlenden of Fort Wrangell Alaska is an applicant for the Office of Collector of Customs at Sitka Alaska.

Believing that you desire to secure an able and reliable man for so important a position, and knowing that it is impossible for you to know personally the character of the applicants for Office I feel constrained to write you that I have known Col Cutlenden for the last six years during that time he has been living with

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various Indian squaws. He is also a gambler and intemperate, and very unfit for any responsible Government position.

There has never been a time in the last 15 years when whiskey has been so free & abundant in this region as now and that notwithstanding the prohibition of the organic act. And if there is to be any reform, we need an efficient, able & temperate Collector of Customs.

With great respect I remain
Yours truly
Alfalfa Jackson
Ass't Land Agt.

Washington D.C.
April 10 6

L. D. Morris Esq
Grand Rapids Mich

Dear Sir

Your of the 2nd is received. Some time ago I received an anonymous letter from St Louis saying that you could give me information of the private character of Gov A. P. Swineford - and her Mr. D. Preston of Macinac

Being interested in Alaska, I am interested in knowing something of the character & reputation among his neighbors of our new Governor.

If it should prove that he was unworthy the position, I would like permission to lay the information before the senate in the interests of good Government. Please reply to your

Obt. Servt. [illegible]

Confidential Washington D.C.
April 12th 6

Dear Bro Brady.

There are papers before the Senate Committee of Territories proving that Gov Swineford gets drunk, gambles sometimes to excess, a libertine & a spendthrift. I write this to put you on your guard ~~and~~ ~~not~~ He is also represented as very poor pay

Please watch your opportunity and sell out my share in the Alaskan as best you can.

There is a bill before Congress to enable the Marshal to give bonds in the Country from whence he goes. Until that passes I do not see how the Marshal can receive any Money, or the Officers any salary.

Do not let them get into your Shoes or Pants too far, or you will be bitten

The bill to help the Marshal give bonds may not pass this session — [illegible]

the closing business in Alaska with the government be placed at great inconvenience. I send you by this mail. "Alaska" & the "Aral Islands"

Congress has done nothing yet on the Alaska appropriations, except that the appropriation for the Sitka Training School has passed the House at eight. Please keep me informed of inside news

By next mail I hope to send you a printed copy of my report, with two good maps & a number of illustrations — I send you a statement of matters at Sitka last summer

I will send Austin a confidential copy of a letter before the Senate Com^tee ask him to let you see it — Please destroy this letter

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
May 5th 6

Mr F. M. Carroll
Grand Rapids Mich

Dear Sir

I am not laboring to defeat Mr Swineford's Confirmation, however I am glad to receive your letter for my own information. Of course I am greatly interested to know what kind of a Gov we have in Alaska

Those who wish to defeat Mr Swineford's Confirmation should write at once to Senator O. D. Conger, who has the entire Control of the Matter.

I do not know what the prospects of Confirmation are. As said before it depends entirely on what Sen Conger hears from Michigan

Yours Truly
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
May 19th 6

Hon Wm H. Seward
Sec of St

Dear Sir

Gov A. P. Swineford of Alaska is now or recently has been in the city trying to have Secretary Lamar remove the Land appointee of his friends, who is a secretary of a Mining Company & knows nothing of School matters.

If you will take an early opportunity of seeing Mr Lamar and urging that I be retained, you will confer a favor upon me & also upon some of your Constituents

I enclose you a copy of a letter which Mr Vorcross sent me as your original may be lost away.

If you see Mr Lamar

it, and leave it on file with the Secretary

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Please do not file this letter with the Secretary as I have written also to Messrs Aiken, Ward & the Breckinridges.

Washington D.C.
May 19th

Hon Thomas B. Ward
H of Rep

Dear Sir

I mail you a copy of the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Education & call your attention to foot note on page XLVI

Because of my intimate knowledge of the Country & people, Mr Lamar at the request of the Commissioner of Education appointed me Genl Agent of Education for that region

I am now informed that Gov Swineford of Alaska is trying to have me removed in order to make a place for a friend of his, who has recently gone to the Country as secretary of a Mining Company, who knows nothing of the

Country or its people, and who has neither special knowledge or experience in School work.

As such a change at the present time will prove disastrous to the Schools which a few of us have been nine years in getting underway, will it be too much to ask you to call on Secretary Lamar and use your influence to have me retained.

Kind regards to your wife & daughters -

Do not place this letter on file with the Secretary, as I have written similar letters to Messrs Aiken, and the Breckinridges -

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Also to Hon. C. P. Breckinridge
Hon. Wm. L. P. Breckinridge
Hon. D. Wyatt Aiken

Washington D.C.
May 19th 6

Dear Brother

I have just received a letter from Sitka, in which they say that Governor Swineford boasted that before he returned, he would have me removed.

He is in the City, but I have not seen him. I called at his hotel & as he was out left my card. Gen Eaton wrote him a note asking him to call, but he has paid no attention to it and not been near the Office. How well he is succeeding with the Secretary in securing my removal I have no means of knowing

But doubtless he is doing all he can and if anything is to be done to counteract his movements, now is the time.

If he secures his man in my place [illegible]

present policy of securing Christian teachers will be overthrown

Consequently all the Christian denominations that have nominated teachers are directly interested

It has occurred to me, that it might be wise for you to call their attention to the danger and ask them to write strong letters to the Secretary of the Interior (suggest that they mark on the envelope "personal" else the Chief Clerk may pigeon hole them & the Secretary never see them) asking him to stand by me in my efforts to build up the Alaska schools. and give me his sympathy & support.

Also ask them to write any democratic Congressmen they may know & have the Congressmen call on Mr Lamar in my behalf

If this seems to you wise — please write to Rev Edmund de Schweinitz, D.D. Bethlehem Pa. He is a Bishop

in the Moravian Church & they have five schools in Alaska that are interested.

The Hon W. H. Snowden, Congressman from his district - is a Democrat

Also Write "Rev Wm S. Langford D.D. General Secretary of the Board of Missions of Episcopal Church, Room 22. Bible House. New York" laying the matter before him & asking him to write himself & secure others

I have the Northern Methodist Church at work - Have just returned from their General Conference at Richmond Va.

[illegible]

Washington D.C.
May 29th 6

Mr C.K. Lord
Gen'l Passenger Agt B.M.C.R.R.

Dear Friend

Please send me a trip pass from Washington to Chicago & return good for 30 days - for myself.

And greatly oblige Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent
Bureau of Education
Washington D.C.

Washington D.C.
May 29th 1

Wm C. Cughart Esq
Gen Man C.R.R. & T.R.R.

Dear Sir

Some three years ago you very kindly sent me a pass over your line from Fort Wayne North & Eastern which I have not had the pleasure of using.

If you can extend me a like courtesy again, please mail me at No 345 North Kellogg St Galesburg Illinois a trip pass for myself & wife from Kalamazoo to Mackinac & return good for 30 days.

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Ind Educational Agent

Washington D.C.
June 1st

Gen Wm C. Breckinridge
1415 – 20th St. Washington

Dear Brother

Enclosed I send you copies of letters from several Ministers and one banker from the region of Lee Lawford's old home.

They are for your personal information

I do not think that it will do any good to show them to Lee Lamar, as I do not wish even to appear to antagonize the Governor.

While I would greatly prefer a man of a higher moral type, yet I can get along with him without friction

Do your interviews with Lee Lamar in my behalf (if it meets with your own judgment of what is best) you can

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take the following ground - viz - that you understand the friends of the Republican officers of Alaska have sworn they would have Mr Sheldon Jackson removed, because of his representations to President Cleveland, that helped secure their removal. That to accomplish their end it is said (they & their friends have openly boasted of it) they have sent the Department of the Interior all kinds of statements against him - so much so that they may even have prejudiced some of the present Alaska officers but that you have confidence in Mr Jackson and believe that he ought to be sustained and that you most earnestly urge the Secretary to stand by him and try him another year under the most favorable circumstances that may exist. That is a position of peculiar difficulties & that but few men of the right kind will

be willing to take it, and none of them have the experience & knowledge of the situation like Mr Jackson, who has made it a special study for nine years past.

You can also say that the unfortunate difficulties of 1885 that made so much trouble at Sitka were with the Republican officials now removed and in connection with the Sitka training school under the Indian Bureau and with which Mr Jackson has had no official connection since March 1885.

That Mr Jackson is now U. S. Agent of the Government Schools in connection with the Bureau of Education

That there is been no trouble between the day schools & the present officials or between Mr Jackson and the present officials — that there is no reason why they should not work

harmoniously together in their respective positions.

If I remember aright I gave you a pamphlet concerning the difficulties of last year. If it is of important that you should have it, that I will make sure by enclosing you another. Also a copy of the Court paper, with another "habeas corpus" case. This time under the new judge.

I hope you have or will take the time to read the pamphlet on the "difficulties". It reveals a strange chapter in our territorial history.

Since I met you news has come that a second, if not a third of those 24 officials, is in his grave.

Please say to your wife, that my daughter, remembers your daughter at Milwaukee. Yours Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

am called to Illinois for a few days by the sickness of my wife.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
June 2nd

Rev. S. Hoff U.S.N.
Sitka Alaska. Alaska

Sir. Instruction

In accordance with your request I return you copy with corrections and additions to date. I will write to Hanover College & find out the date of "Graduate"

If not asking too much of you, I would like proof of service.

I wish you copies of your report, also printed Minutes & Ecclesiical Statistics of Presbytery of Alaska, also that meet of presbyter at Sitka.

Your Bro. in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
U.S. Educational Agent

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
June 21st 6

Rev Wm H. Roberts D.D.
Princeton N.J.

Dear Brother

Honors seem to be showering down upon you! A Call to Albany & an Election to Lane!! Well I greatly rejoice in the evidences of public appreciation but will be sorry to have you leave Princeton.

I notice that you are again on the Committee to nominate delegates to the Genl Council of the Alliance of the Reformed Chs and I will be very much obliged if you will bring me name before the Comte

Home Missionaries I believe have never had a show among the delegates.

Among the last delegates (1884) there was but one minister west of the Mississippi River (Sprecher of California) Dr Sampson of Minneapolis being on the River and

to two thirds of the area of the Church is west of that line. And represents approximately 1136 Ministers and 91,205 Communicants.

Thus nearly one fifth of the Church had one delegate and 4/5ths of the Church had 79 delegates & alternates.

I hope the Central & far west will have a better showing next time.

If numbers is any basis that portion of the Church west of the Mississippi River should have 16 out of the 80 delegates.

Thanking you for your consideration in the past, I remain

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
June 21st

Rev Thos A. McCurdy D.D.
St. Paul Minn

Dear Brother

My father at Galesburg Illinois is breaking up housekeeping & packing up, & packed a box of Home & Abroad Records, Harpers Monthly full sets, unbound, a number of U.S. Agricultural Reports bound & unbound. Full sets of the Galaxy (unbound) and several other books & magazines. The contents of the box is not valuable for a private library; but is valuable for a public one. Father will present the box to any College that will pay the freight. Do you wish it? If so perhaps you had better write to me at the above address.

not care for it, please write me, that I may offer it to some other Presbyterian Institution.

I congratulate you on your progress. Hope to drop in upon you one of these times.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Perhaps the C & N.W. R.R. will do the preaching for you. Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
June 22 6

Dear Bro Davis

Gov Swineford has reported that I would be removed this week & given another place & that you will be appointed. Rather singular if what we desired shall be brought around in that way.

However there may be no appropriation to work with. Mess Randall & Holman Antagonize any appropriation at all for the Alaska Schools. Mr Holman left it out of the Legislative Bill & when friends tried to put it in on an amendment Mr Randall moved ~~to~~ a point of order and defeated it. Gov Long of Mass will try it again on the Sundry Civil Bill.

There is ben little probability that the House will vote a dollar to Alaska Schools -

Our only hope is in the Senate & in a few later you have been notified

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the subject of the Change - if you can give me any light - on what ~~the~~ is proposed please do so.

Your bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
June 28th

Prof. A. J. Davis
Harrisburg Pa

Dear Bro -

Yours of the 26th is before me & I send you today a copy of the Congress Record, in which you will see that Mr Randall killed the Appropriation for Alaska Schools in the House.

If the Senate does not amend the bill, and insist on the Amendment in the Conference, there will not be much money for the Schools to use in next year. If you were here & an editor, I think you can do Alaska most good in Congress.

What is to prevent your being appointed Supt of Alaska & then if elected resign the Superintendence

Mr. Ellis did not know the plans & doings of Gov. Swineford, who I am pleased is working where we desired. My impression is that finding he could not be easily displaced that he changed his tactics.

One time ago I left with Mrs Ellis & Miss Ella a draft of the plans we had in the Spring, that you should go to Alaska as Supt & that I should remain in Washington in charge of Alaska Matters at this end of the route.

I presume Gov Swineford has got hold of this, & in order to keep the management Alaska farms, may bring into the Kitchen. It was a fair & square spoken or intimation given me by the Dept. If the Secretary would send for me & confer with the Gov I think he should, he would find no trouble in adjusting matters to suit all parties. If the plan

is offered you, by all means accept it — then delay modestly until you see how the Congressional matter will turn it out. I have no doubt but that if there was a prospect of your delegating a republican in your stead that the Secretary would allow you to wait make the fight.

If you get any further insight into plans please let me know.

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

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Washington D.C.
July 10th

Dear Bro Davis

Gen Eaton returned to Washington day before yesterday & will remain some time unless he concludes to go to the National Convention at Topeka Kan. If he does he will leave here to-morrow night

Gen Lovingood has started for Alaska and with him out of the City and the uncertainty of the appropriation Gen Eaton does not believe there will be any change this summer

So that you can push your canvass for Congress with your usual energy. If you should fail in that, it will give you a stronger hold on the administration for the Alaska appointment

In the present state of affairs you need not be at the expense of [illegible]

to Washington unless you come to Ohio on your own account.

If anything turns up requiring your presence I will telegraph you

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

I am through with the Map for the Summer, if you would like the use of it. Where shall I send it?

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Bureau of Education, Washington D.C.

July 14 6

Cashier of
Merchants National Bank
142 Wall St. New York

Dear Sir

Please have my Bank book balanced up & returned to me by mail at the above address

Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Bureau of Education
Washington
D.C.

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July 1st

Cashier
Merchants National Bank
Mobile Ala

Dear Sir
The bank book & cancelled
Checks safely received this morning
Much obliged
Please place the enclosed $2.40 cts
to my credit
Truly Yours
Andrew Jackson

U. S. Mail Route No 47106
Juneau to Coinco & Back

From June 1883 to July 1884

Sheldon Jackson, Contractor.

1883			Contractors Mail Pay	Allowance for Carrier	Carriers Pay	Government Pay
April	13	Check to Dr Corliss	100 00			
July		To Carrier		25 00		
Aug		"		25 00		
Sept		"		25 00		
Oct		"		25 00		
Nov		"		25 00		
"	10	Check to Rev E. J. Williams	100.00			
"	"	From Government				150 00
Dec	19	To Carrier		50 00		
Jan	28	"		50 00		
Feb	29	"		50 00		
"	18	From Government				150 00
March	12, 13, 14	3 checks of 50 each	150 00			
"	24	To Carrier		25 00		
April		"		20 00		
May	19	"		55 00		
"	"	From Government				150 00
June	20	To Carrier		25 20		
			350 00	401 20		450 00

U. S. Mail Route No 47101
Juneau to Haines Alaska

From July 1884 to June 1886

			John H. Perkins Contractor	E. S. Millard to Carrier	J. H. Perkins to Government
1884		Ballance		51 20	
July	29	To Carrier		25 00	
Aug	15	"		21 00	
Sept	20	"		25 00	
"	13	Cash	91.25		
"		From Government			150.00
Oct				25 00	
Nov				25 00	
Dec				25 00	
Jan	21	1885.		40 00	
	9	From Government			150 00
	11	Check	100.00		
Feb	23	From Government			150 00
		To Carrier		40 .00	
March	23	"		45 00	
April	31	"		40 00	
May	27	"		40 00	
	13	Check	100 00		
June		Carrier & from Government		40 00	150 00
			291.25	441 20	600 00

U. S. Mail Route No 47101
Juneau to Haines Alaska
John C. Forbes, Contractor

From July 1885 to June 1886.

			Forbes to Millard	Millard to Carrier	Government to J. C. Forbes
1885		Ballance		149 92	
July		To Carrier		40 00	
Aug		"		40 00	
Sept	15	From Government			150 00
Dec		To Cash	176 00		
Jan	6	1886 From Government			100 00
Mar	15	"			50 00
"	"	Ballanced in full	53 92		
			229 92	229 92	350 00

1400.00
871.20
$528.80

Owing to the removal of Rev E. Millard from Haines the route was abandoned in September 1886.

1883 - 1884	401.20	450.00
1884 - 1885	390 00	600 00
1885 - 1886	80 00	350.00
		1400 00
	871.20	

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U. S. Mail Route 47102
Jackson to Fort Wrangell, Alaska

From July 1883
to
June 1884

Date 1883-4	Sheldon Jackson, Contractor	Payments to Rev. S. Gould	To Carrier	To Rev. S. Gould	Sheldon Jackson	Government to
April 13	Check	100 00				
June 16	"	100 00				
July	To Carrier		45 00			
Aug	"		38 00			
Sept	"		39 00			
Oct	"		40 50			
Nov	"		39 50			
" 16		100 00				
" "	From Government				250 00	
Dec	To Carrier		39 00			
Jan	"		42 00			
Feb	"		40 00			
18	From Government				250 00	
Mar	To Carrier		45 00			
13 & 14		200 00				
April	To Carrier		40 00			
May	From Government				250 00	
"	To Carrier		40 00			
June	"		37 00			
		500 00	485 00		750 00	

Corrections to Weydak
Mission by S. J. $345.

Nachvak to Fort Wrangell, Alaska

John H. Ronhus Contractor.

From July 1884 to June 1885

Date			Per L.L. Gould	Per Lucien Jackson	Engd L.L. Gould to Carrier	Government to Sheldon Jackson
1884		Ballance	15 00			
July		To Carrier				
Aug		"				
Sept		"				
"	13th	Check	210 00			
"		From Government				250 00
Oct		To Carrier				
Nov		"				
Dec		"				
Jan 1885		"		40 00		
"	10	Check	210 00			
"	9	From Government				250 00
Feb		To Carrier		45 00		
"	23	From Government				237.50
March		"		48 00		
April		"		50 00		
May		"		44 00		
"		Silver Coin	200 50			
June		To Carrier		46 00		
"	16	From Government				250.00
			725 50	533 00		987 50

U. S. Mail Route 47102
Jackson to Fort Wrangell, Alaska
John H. Voorhees, Contractor.

From July 1885 to June 1886.
John H. Voorhees, Contractor.

		Balance	192	50				
July		To Carrier			42	00		
Aug	20	Check	50	00	43	00		
Sept	15	To Carrier & from Gov't			45	00	250	00
Oct		"			44	00		
Nov		"			45	00		
"	5 & 6	Checks of $50 each	100	00				
Dec		To Carrier			46	00		
Jan	1886	" & from Gov't			50	00	208	34
	12	Sent $140 in Silver Coin ($70 Lost or at Wrangell)	70	00				
	19	From Government					41	66
Feb	3	To Carrier & Court	70	00	50	00		
March		To Carrier & Coin	70	00	50	00		
"	15	From Government					250	00
April		To Carrier			50	00		
May		" & from Government			50	00	208	33
June		To Carrier			45	00		
					560	00		

L. L. Gould
V. Jackson
Carrier
R. L. Gould
Government to Sheldon Jackson

Bureau of Education, Washington D.C.
Dec 30th 6

Rev Hiram O. Sawyer
Supt Mt Hermon Boys' School
Mt Hermon Franklin Co. Mass.

Dear Brother.

I send you by this mail some pamphlets concerning Educational & Christian work in Alaska.

And I want to send you a Chinlinn native from that country to be educated for a Missionary to his native people.

Return three and four years ago a full blooded Thlinget boy came to newly organized Mission School at Sitka Alaska. He was not in the school long before he came to Christ, so far as we know the first fruit of the Mission.

Finding Christ precious, he at once commenced work among his boy companions. Upon visiting the school

one of the dormitories done after he was dis-
tributed to find this boy, (he was named
Frederick Stone) holding a prayer meeting.
After that a better place was provided
for the prayer meeting. The work ex-
tended through the School, and from
the School to the parents of the people
until when we were ready to organize
a Church, some fifty of the Natives were
ready for Christian baptism.

The work then commenced in Sitka
is progress. And not a communicant
knows that some are not received into
the Church.

Last Summer when Lieut. Schwatka
and party reached Sitka, on their
for the Exploration of the Mt. St. Elias Reg.
they applied to the Sitka School for an
interpreter & Cook, and Frederick was
sent with him. During the Exploration
they visited villages where the Gospel
has never been heard and Frederick
took from occasion to talk & preach

to them. Upon his return to school last fall, his heart was so full of the religious destitution of the villages that he had visited that he asked permission to return to them & teach them about Jesus.

His purpose was so strong, that after a conference with the Missionaries it was concluded best to bring him out and give him some better training.

He has proved so reliable & useful in the various places that he has been called to fill, that he has been kept much of the time out of the school & consequently is backward in his school studies. He speaks fair English, reads in the 3rd & 4th readers and is in addition in Arithmetic.

He is about 17 years old - good health. He is not as bright as some of the

Disciplinarian, but has more perseverance to overcome [illegible] A Sabbath school in Georgetown D.C. will pay the $100 per year that your Catalogue asks for. What other necessary expenses are there? Shall I send Gen. Eaton on to you? Telegraph me. Bureau of Education. Washington D.C. If you have a carpenter shop in connection with the school, I would prefer his having instructor in that rather than farming. There is no chance for farming in Alaska so far north. But a skill with tools will be of use in his future Missionary work.

Please send me half a dozen of your Catalogues. Our Missionary for Sitka Alaska has a son, I will try to secure for your school.

Very truly yours
Malcolm McLean
General Agent

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Washington D.C.
Jan 3rd 9

Mr Henry E. Sawyer
Supt Mt Hermon Boys School
Mt Hermon, Franklin Co. Mass

Dear Mother

Your telegram was received yesterday morning. The Ladies of the Presbyterian Church, Georgetown D.C., called a meeting for today to fit the boy out with clothes. We will send him on as soon as his clothes are ready.

The Lord bless his coming to you.

Your Mother in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Jan 18th

Hon John Eaton
Marietta O

Dear Brother

Your letters of Oct 20th & Jan 11th have just reached me. We had a long, tedious & perilous trip of 109 days.

Miss Fletcher will furnish the N.Y. Observer with three letters on the trip. I am glad you have seen the two from Miss [illegible] in the Independent.

The Charter of the vessel will foot up Mustering over $4000. Starting so late in the season, the season of storms & gales greatly prolonged the trip and increased its expense. In order to get the bill paid, it is probable I will have to show not only the Contract for the Charter, but the Authority for making the Contract

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In the hurry & confusion of the passage of the Appropriation bill & getting under the written authorization was overlooked

Therefore to complete the record please send me a letter similar to the enclosed dated August 4th 1880 that I can place on file. Please attend to this immediately as everything relating to the Charter of the vessel is at a stand still awaiting your letter.

Commissioner Dawson asked for $25000 for Education in Alaska, Sec Lamar cut for him & had it reduced to $15000. The House passed the Sundry Civil Bill & left it out.

The Senate will amend as they did last session. An effort is now being made by Miss Fletcher & have Sec Lamar increase his request from 15000 to 25000 if he does it, the Senate will vote it. Commissioner Dawson favors the increase.

Gov Swineford is expected any day & will give his assistance in the matter.

The native by Frederick Olive, whom I brought from Sitka to be educated as a Missionary has gone to Moody's School at Mt Hermon, near Northfield Mass.

You have probably seen the Associated Press despatch in the morning papers that the Knights of Labor have officially espoused the Cause of the Blair Bill & have so notified Congressmen with the K of L & the W.C.T.U at work I do not see how the bill can long be delayed.

We had hoped to have seen your lovely father at Asbury in Jersey but Christ on Jan 7th. & took his remains to the old homestead in Central New York. It is a great comfort that he was spared until my return from Alaska

With regards to your household

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

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August 4th 1

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent of Education
in Alaska

Sir.

The action of Congress yesterday in appropriating $15000. for [illegible] in Alaska, together with the unexpended ballance of the Appropriation of 1884 gives this fund $25000 for this year.

As we could make no arrangement for the employment of teachers and the establishment of schools before the Appropriation was made, we have unavoidably lost the only opportunities for this season of sending the teachers to Western [illegible] by the trading vessels visiting that Section.

The only alternative left this Bureau is to Charter a special vessel

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You are therefore authorized to charter a small schooner to convey the teachers and school supplies to the several points in Southern and Western Alaska, at which it seems desirable to establish a school.

And as it is very essential that the Bureau should have fuller information from that comparatively unknown region you will as far as possible visit the more important villages along your route.

Upon the completion of your trip, you will return to Washington and make full report.

Wishing you great success I remain
Yours Truly
(signed) John Eaton
Commissioner

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Bureau of Education, Washington D.C.
Jan 24

S. B. Pratt
A. J. Soc. New York

Dear Sir

Yours of the 22d with bill for Electros procured in 1883 is received.

There is some mistake about it, as I am not owing the Soc anything

When I ordered some Electros & Alaska views from the A. J. Soc it was by a special arrangement with the Secretaries by which we exchanged Electros, I furnishing them the same number of square inches as I received.

I presume in the book keeping of the Soc, I have not been credited with the Electros furnished them. The Society however has had them and published them in the Illustrated Weekly. Truly yours

Sheldon Jackson

Quarterly Reports.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Jan 31st

To the Board of Home Missions
280 Broadway. New York

Dear Brethren

I take the first opportunity since my return from Alaska to make the usual quarterly reports.

And for convenience ask permission to make two in one - viz from April 1st to Oct 1st, the expiration of my commission

During the first quarter I secured by dint of hard work an appropriation from Congress by which you were relieved from the support of teachers at Sitka, Juneau, Killisnoo, Haines, Wrangell, Klawock Jackson and Longass. This represents a sum of over $6000 saved to your treasury. Also incidentally by my presence here saved you from loss of contract for the Sitka Training School

The latter part of the summer of 1886 I visited the Mission Stations of Sitka, Killisnoo, Hoonah, Juneau, Tekeenan, Sanke (Cartis Station) Wrangell and Longacre. A New Station was established at Klawock with Rev. L. H. Currie in Charge.

Also a Competent teacher Prof. A. Saxman (Ex Ruling Elder) was associated with Louis Shelton & Paul at Longacre.

I found the work harmonious and prosperous at all the Stations.

A fuller account of the Condition of things at each of the Stations will be found in the Church Newspaper Article, which I beg leave to present as a portion of my Report.

Hoping the Board may see it for the interest of the work to renew my Commission I remain Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

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Washington D.C.
Feb 8th

Prof. A. S. Davis
Harrisburg Pa

Dear Brother

Your letter of Feb 7th to Mr C. E. Boyd of New York has just been transmitted to me. I much obliged for the information. I know something of the movement of Gen Swinton.

Further, the New Commissioner does not think it wrong to his office, but should be an office in Alaska similar to the other. I have tried to show him that until there is some intercommunication between the widely separated sections of Alaska it is impossible to direct the schools officially from Sitka. And recommended that there be three divisions established.

One at Sitka, one at Kadiak & one

at Unalaska. With a division for Clerical work at the Bureau at Washington.
Unless there is some one at Washington to look after it, Congress will make no appropriation for Alaska Education & Consequently the whole system would die for want of funds.

A wise expenditure of funds requires that they should continue to be disbursed at Washington with the present checks of the Treasury Department thrown around them.

I think it will accomplish good if you will write on the subject to Hon. C. K. Dawson, Com.r of Education.

Let him know that you are a Democrat, was nominated for Congress, & have been connected with the Ex. State Dep.t of Instruction. That you have heard that there was a movement on foot to make the Gov. of Alaska Ex officio Sup.t of Pub. Instruction. That you have been to Alaska & believe that such a movement

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would be detrimental to the interests of the schools.

That Governors are not selected with reference to their fitness to supervise schools, and that the Alaska Governors so far have been no exception to the rule

I brought back with me Frederick Moore. (Rodnick) He is at Mr Moody's School near Northfield Mass – His address is "Frederick Moore. Mount Hermon. Franklin Co. Mass"

He has written for your address – I wrote you yesterday – Kind regards to Mrs Davis

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Feb 11th

Mr T. G. Agnew
23 West 69th St. New York

Dear Brother
Your kind note of Jan 19th was duly received.

With regard to a mission hospital at Sitka I have no well defined plans for procuring it, I only know that it is very much needed.

Perhaps some Christian physician acquainted with improved hospitals would prepare us a simple plan by which a portion could be erected next summer with accommodations for eight or ten beds. Then in a few years enlarge. Then the Board of Missions can procure a Medical Missionary, who should have charge of the hospital, also the sick in the native village, & then if he has any farther time, assist in the Industrial School

I have always found however in Mission work, that the more difficult thing is to secure the funds necessary.

This can be done in different ways. In a large city like New York, some person might be found who would be willing to build a hospital as a memorial of some child or friend that has gone to the better world. Or an appeal could be made at the weekly lecture of one of the wealthier Churches. Or a Special meeting might be held in some one's parlors and invitations issued that would bring together a number of wealthy Christians. At such a meeting I could bring a number of curios and photographs and make a statement of the situation and the need.

Such a meeting would be like the Missionary breakfasts or teas that they have in England & Scotland. It is less formal than a meeting in Church & affords a better opportunity of asking

questions. I think perhaps $5000 would do to commence with. Your Brother would probably know better than I. In a gathering of from 20 to 30 wealthy persons there would be no difficulty in securing the funds.

I always feel that if I can only have an opportunity of presenting the case, that God will dispose the people to give. The needs are so great & urgent, & the facts so appalling that they will speak for themselves if only the audience can be secured.

A Miss Alice C. Fletcher who was one of my party to Western Alaska last fall expects to address the Ladies of the Brick Pres. Ch. of New York I think next Thursday & Gentlemen are allowed to be present. You will find her address both instructive & interesting.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

To Miss Clara A. Grier
Feb 2, 1887

P.S. I see you dated your Nov report from the Howkan School & the December report from the Jackson School. I also notice that the official post-office guide for Jan 1887 gives the post-office as Jackson.

I am sorry that the place was ever named Jackson, if the name is not to stick. It was no doi, of mine. But after it was done, to have it removed is of course a reproach & was so intended by the Governor who had the post office named changed. However if the Missionaries among the Haydah's should agree to make the name stick, using it themselves & accustoming the natives to hear it - And if you would use it in the School, in a short time every one would use it, just as every one has now settled on Juneau, which has had 3 or 4 names in its short history. And a request from the parties interested and a petition signed by all the ~~pa~~ Haydah's (that can write their names) to the Post Master General would secure,

'se name to the post office. I do not propose making any great effort in the matter. out of self respect, but if the friends living in the spot choose to make an effort, they will win the day.

The same parties that oppose "Jackson", are trying to change "Haines" to "Chilcoot". They do not want any names in Alaska representing religious people. but every drunken miner - every whiskey selling trader, or licentious gambler can have an island named after them and no one objects. The self respect of the missionaries ought to lead them to stand up for their own names. I propose to make the name Haines stick. by so constantly publishing and using it, that the people shall be more familiar with it than any other. "Constant dropping wears away the hardest rock" was in my copy when a boy.

Any Sketches you can send me in the fall, please direct to me by mail. to "Care of Bureau of Education. Washington D.C."

Also if the Indians find any Stone Mortars, lamps, Knives, Axes &c. &c. please purchase. pack securely in a strong box and ship them to me by freight

Direct the box to me Care of U.S. Bureau of Education. Washington D.C

Send bill for same to me by mail

Write an inventory of things in the box

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Washington D.C.
Feb 14 7

Dear Bro Davis

Yours of the 11th is just rec^d. Perhaps I am mistaken, but the tone sounds a little bitter. And I hasten to write that I regret the impression my letter seems to have made on your mind.

Alaska affairs have so many phases, and seem to change so often, that letters can not give a clear conception of the situation. You are not at all left out of Alaska Educational plans.

All my plans have in view your succeeding me. For me to step aside now would be to defeat them.

As far as I can judge from what I hear & see, & from what I learn from the Commissioner himself, ~~that~~ he does not intend making any removals, but when vacancies do occur from any cause. They

will be filled with Southern democrats.

The Governor is doing what he can to secure the position for himself & offers to take it without additional salary to that which he draws as Governor.

Capt Nichols is here fighting the Governor & Col French is on his way here for the same purpose. The bitter fight between the Governor & French & Nichols has made all of them very friendly to me. As a result the Governor & myself are on friendly terms.

Also several influential men in the South, who are warm personal friends of the New Commissioner, have interested themselves in my behalf. It is the Lord's doing (27th Psalm gives the situation)

Prof Saxman, who went to Alaska from Corsica, Jefferson Co. Pa. was drowned about the holidays.

Kind regards to your family and believe me your friend

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 14th

Mr A.G. Agnew
23 West 39th St. New York N.Y.

Dear Brother

Yours of Feb 13th is just received. I know that the plan you outlined of a porter meeting is sometimes followed, but not always. I thought you had the heart (from what was told me in Alaska) and I assumed you had the means, perhaps because I have known something of your brother's liberal gifts.

However I have no objection to go before the larger constituency of the Church & Sabbath School. I still think that by the blessing of God we could secure $5000 from the Presbyterians of Dr Hall's Church. However if you think best to try for $1000, we will be very thankful for that & do the best we can with it. The improved hospital building that I spoke of in my former letter

was intended to mean, not a handsome building with elaborate appliances, but a simple building (just as simple & cheap as it could be made & answer the purpose) but with the improved or modern way of arranging the different rooms. which need not greatly increase the cost.

Now as to location. I would locate at Sitka in preference to other places, because

1st Sitka is the Centre of Presbyterian Missionary operations in Alaska

2nd Sitka is the Location of the largest boarding and Industrial School in the Territory And the hospital should be a part of the School.

3rd Sitka has a large native population

4th It is the Capital of the Territory.

5th Sitka has the largest native Christian Element.

Pulmonary, rheumatic & syphilitic diseases are very prevalent.

Take the case of a Christian Child in

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in the School. If sick there are no conveniences for them in the dormitories. They can not be returned to the filth & degradation of their native home as that would rapidly hasten [illegible]. Both Christianity & humanity insist upon a seperate building for the sick. Further in that Country Measles & small pox are liable to break out at any time among that population. Again the inherited syphilitic affections often render it unsafe to leave the patient in proximity with the others. Both for the safety of the teachers & other pupils, the patient should be placed by himself.

To send them home to sleep on the ground & live on oil would bring them to a speedy death. All physicians that have visited that Country have united in the opinion that a hospital was a necessity.

I am not sure where you will find Miss Aleteer. If memory serves me she makes her [illegible] Yet home with Dr Astrom (I think a woman) [illegible]

I will let you know.

I would be delighted to address the Geographical Society.

I have found so much clerical work here that I have not yet commenced on my report of last Summer's trip.

I fully approve of Mr Duncan's plan of moving his people into Alaska -

He has spoken in several of the Churches of this City & made a very favorable impression He is however too modest. He has simply told the people, how a heathen tribe were changed into a civilized, Christian one - He has said very little concerning his plans He has however seen the leading officials and secured all the cooperation that the Government officials can give -

He greatly needs pecunian assistance but does not let the people know that.

I mail you a small package of Mrs Willard's letter. More can be had by writing Mrs Jamieson. Hon. 278 St James Brooklyn. N.Y.

The Wilcox Refuge has already

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been built. The state of things spoken of in the letter however exist more or less among all the tribes & are strong reasons for the Hospital.

In case, you want me for an address, I can come over to New York, most any time.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

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Washington D.C.
Feb 21st

Dear Bro Davis

Yours of 17th & 18th were received this morning. Lieut Bolles was in last week and I called his attention to the fact that the President had recalled the appointment of Mr McCafferty as Collector in Alaska, and we agreed to do what we could for you. The next day however the President sent in the name of a Wisconsin man for the position.

I think some of your letters never reached me, as you referred to questions, that have been unanswered. It is my habit to reply to all questions as far as I can, and I have been under the impression that I have answered all questions in letters received from you.

Further I feel a debt of gratitude towards you for the honorable course you have pursued.

It will some day bring its reward.
How much faith can be placed in Mr Randall's word, that if a Democrat had the office, he would vote an appropriation, can be learned from the fact that only last fall Mr Randall told a prominent Pennsylvanian (not knowing that it would come to me) that if I was removed, he would more bitterly than ever oppose any appropriation. &c.

And as to Mr Lamar, I have no doubt that he was influenced by the tremendous pressure brought to bear upon him to be willing, ~~and~~ to remove me. And I have no doubt that under the pressure he promised to remove me, but whenever the case became critical the Lord seemed to put it into the heart of some influential Southern Politicians to stand with him in my favor & ~~to~~ ~~will be~~ under their influence he would change his mind. After the crisis was past I would hear that such & such an one had been to Mr Lamar for my retention.

The opposition seemed to depend on his

and misrepresentations to carry their point, and the Lord seems to have taken an hand in the matter and defended me.

If I had followed my own feelings, I would have given up and retired with disgust, but my friends insisted that I must not retire under pressure, but must fight it out. Then another party claimed that there were interests to be established that no one else could do as well under the circumstances, and that I must not forsake them just yet. Consequently I have kept on at great pecuniary loss and personal discomfort waiting to know what God will have me do. Please remember me very kindly to Mrs Davis –

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Luce Keen

Cedar Rapids

Washington D.C.
April 1st 7

Dear Bro Kelly

Yours of Feb 17th is before me. When I made my appeal for Sitka that brought out Mr Orr's $200 it was for a printing press & outfit. On my return last December through Chicago I called upon him And he said to me, as he wrote to you, that you could use it for printing press, laundry, or anything else connected with the School.

If we can secure the furnishing for the laundry elsewhere, I am in favor of keeping it for the printing outfit.

If they are pressed the Woman's Ex Com^tee will furnish the laundry. They have already commissioned me when I go to Troy N.Y. in a few weeks to examine into Machinery for a laundry

and report to them. Miss Hetlek & I have not let an opportunity slip this winter of speaking of your needs at Sitka and I feel sure something will come from it. And among other things I am bound to have a printing outfit. Without a monthly paper you can not hold your own in competition with Mrs Young's School at Mangell. The paper is essential to your highest success.

Ask Judge Brady to show you the journal of Education, with the remarks of the New Commissioner of Education on my work in Alaska.

I hope to reach you in June - if I do not wait for the General Assembly Meeting I will be up in May -

I hope to spend the summer with you. My heart is with you & the Alaska workers all the time

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

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Washington D.C.
April 6th

Dear Bro Davis

Yours are received, enclosing letter from Frederick L Morse.
Frederick like others in his condition likes change. He has never been taught steady application and it comes hard for him to conform to rules.
You remember he once went to Mrs Grove & only remained a few days, returning to Litka by the next steamer
Just so he would like to have changed from Mt Hermon to Clarion. And then from Clarion to some where else.
His first project at Mt Hermon was to change to an Indian Industrial School in Dakota & wrote for permission
Among the families supporting here are some from the neighborhood of Mt Hermon

and they greatly desired to have him out there. They spend their summers in that section & expect to take Frederick into their families during the summer vacation.

There are other boys at Sitka, that would like to come east. If you can get some Church or Churches to pledge their support, you might try one or two.

Have you your family with you? Are you housekeeping? Kind regards to Mrs Davis & other friends.

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
April 12th

Mrs Chas E. Walker
Sec of W. F. M. Com. M. E.

Dear Sister

The last Alaska mail brought the usual batch of letters. Among them a letter from Rev & Mrs Austin, in which the strong wish is expressed that Mrs Austin could come back this summer partly on account of her own health & partly on account of her adult daughter who expects her first confinement.

She does not expect to come, because she does not feel able bear the expense.

It has occurred to me that you have or did have some rule concerning the travelling expenses of our missionaries.

Retired Rev or Mrs Austin received their travelling expenses when they went

in Alaska. As they were commissioned after they were there! Mrs Austin has served the Executive Com^tee faithfully since 1881. and her health needs a change.

I hope the Committee will see their way clear to offer her a vacation and her travelling expenses.

Mrs Austin went to Sitka in 1881 and before her appointment did full mission work. This letter is written with our Mrs Austin's knowledge ~~or consent~~

If the young lady whom a few weeks ago I was thought of sending as matron in Miss Kelsey's place is still to be had she might take Mrs Austin's place, while she is away, & thus get initiated.

If you have other teachers that need an Indian work, I will take charge of them at Chicago about June 1st. (after the General Assembly). Please do not forget the lady teacher for Hoonah (the first Cannery place the Cabin organ)

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Please say to Mrs Hinks that I send her this day an article for the Magazine.

I hope that the Committee have already ordered the uniform suits for the boys at Sitka. The tourist season for Alaska will soon open & the Sitka School will have to be in dress parade. It is very important.

I also hope that you will be able to complete & fix up the Sitka buildings this season. I will probably spend much of the summer there.

Yrs Truly & very
Sheldon Jackson.

June 22

Mrs L. H. Daggett

Boston Mass

Madam

Yours of May 12th is before me. The outlook is improving. Bishop Cha Howler of the M.E. Ch with family were fellow passengers with me on the Steamer. The Bishop manifested much interest and said he was in favor of sending a Minister (Can it not be Bro Arms?) to be supported by the Missionary Soc & then several teachers to be supported by the Govt. So that I think the outlook for the spring of 1888 is brightening. Gold has been discovered on the Shumagin Islands & by another season there may be a rush of miners to the Methodist Section. This will secure mor

frequent communication with that section and of course increase its importance. There is no title to be had to any land in Alaska, but when the land laws are extended to this country all improvements will be protected by the Government & a good title given in the usual way - Insurance Companies in New York City insure the Presbyterian buildings in Alaska & I presume they will do the same for others. I am still a firm believer in the success of a home at "Unalaska" & hope God will prosper your effort for a Jessie Lee Memorial.

Mr Chas Gerdale & family of San Francisco were also on the Steamer. Mrs Gerdale has received letters from you concerning assistance to Mr & Mrs Carr at Unga.

Kind regards to Mr Daggett

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Supt Ag'l

June 22nd

Mrs Hettie E. Gruening
State V. P. for Maine W.C.T.U. W.M.S.
Lebanon Maine

Madam

Yours of May 30th is here me & I mail you a copy of "Conversations in Alaska Missions". Also "Educational Report for 1886" Also "Circular No 2, 1882" to your questions. Mrs Willard's tract to women is true & entirely trustworthy. Vice at Juneau is not as open now as then, but it is still as shocking.

At Mangell, Sitka, Juneau & in the immediate vicinity of the Mission stations the condition of things has greatly changed - but at the other places things continue as of old. This has to do with the uncivilized portion of the pop-

Nation of Alaska. Women are still tortured, burned to death, buried alive & otherwise treated as witches — Outside of the immediate influence of the Mission Stations they still dwell in the "habitations of cruelty"

Around Kadiak &c where the Baptist Missionaries are located, they have all been civilized by the Russians and none of these horrid practices exist.

There is very great need of more Christian teachers in that section & I trust the Baptist Ladies will take hold of it with their usual energy. The people are nominally members of the Greek Church of Russia, but they are as far away from Christ as those in the heathen portions of Alaska —

There is no denomination at work within 200 miles of the Baptist section. At Spruce & Wood Islands teachers (unmarried Ladies at a salary

of $600 per annum) could be placed with great advantage.

It is true there are but a few thousand that can be reached, That instead of being an excuse for neglecting them altogether should stir us up to take hold & finish the work quickly.

Please send me copies of any leaflets or circulars you may issue for Alaska.

Any assistance that I can render you, please let me know.

Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson

The address of the Baptists are

M. E. Roscoe & wife. Kadiak Island
Rev. A. Wirth & wife Afognak " of
Alaska Commercial Co
310 Sansome St
San Francisco, Cal

They have a mail but once or twice a week.

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
Sheldon Jackson

Expenses

		For traveling expenses from Washington D.C. to Sitka Alaska	
May	11	Street-car .05 Transfer trunk .25 Supper .75	1.05
"	"	1 fare to Harrisburg (Sub voucher 1)	3.74
"	17	1 fare Harrisburg to Chicago (" 2)	22.75
"	18	Breakfast $1. Porter's fee .20	1.20
June	2	Transfer trunk between Chicago depots	0.50
"	"	1 fare Chicago to St Paul 7.83 Sleeper 1.50	9.33
"	3	Breakfast .50 Dinner .50	1.00
"	6	Merchants Hotel St Paul 1 day (over Sabbath) (Sub voucher 4)	3.00
"	"	Transfer trunk to Hotel (" ")	0.25
"	"	" " " depot	0.25
"	"	1 berth Sleeper to Portland (Sub voucher 3)	15.00
"	"	1 Dinner .50 1 Supper .75	1.25
"	7	Breakfast .75 Lunch .25 Supper .75	1.75
"	8	Breakfast .75 Dinner .75 Lunch .20	1.70
"	9	Breakfast .75 Dinner .75 Lunch .10	1.60

"	" Sleeping Car Porter's fee	0 45
"	10 Breakfast .75 Dinner .50 Supper .50	1.75
"	" Sleeping Car Porter's fee	0 25
"	" 1 fare Wallula Junction to Portland (Sub voucher 5)	8 00
"	11 Merchant's Hotel Portland Or 1 day aft, Lodging Breakfast (Sub voucher 6)	1.00
"	" Dinner "	0.50
"	12 Villard House Tacoma (over Sabbath) 1 day (Sub voucher 7)	1.50
"	" Drink to & from Hotel "	1.00
"	" 1 Supper	0 35
"	17 1 fare on steamer Tacoma to Sitka Alaska (Sub voucher 8)	25 00
		$105 27

District of Alaska } ss.

On this the day of June A.D. 1887, before me John G. Brady Ld. S.

Commissioner for Sitka, personally appeared Sheldon Jackson, U.S. General Agent of Education in Alaska, who being by me first duly sworn, deposes says: that the above items in detail therein have been taken from and verified by his Memorandum; that they are correct & just; that the amount charged was actually paid, that no part of the journey charged has been made under any free pass on any railway, steamboat or other public conveyance; that the number of days for which the same is charged was necessarily consumed in unavoidable delays incident to travel & in the performance of the journey from Washington to Sitka.

Sheldon Jackson

Subscribed and sworn to before me June 1887

One hundred and five 27/100

Sheldon Jackson

June 27th

Messrs Latourette & Bowen
Portland Oregon

Dear Sir

On the 11th of June I left an Order with you for Certain printing Material and also a second hand "Washington hand Press" As you had none in Stock you were to write to your San Francisco House for one.

At the earnest request of my printer I want to change the order from a "Washington" to a "Gordon" Press. Please telegraph (at my expense) your San Francisco House, if they have not yet shipped a Washington Press, not to do so. Or if they have shipped one to Port Townsend, enroute to Alaska to telegraph to have it shipped back

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to them or to you & I will pay the freight
That is I do not want a "Washington"
Jenny, but in the place of it, please pro-
cure me a <u>Second hand</u> "Old reliable
Gordon Press". Quarter Medium 10X15
inches inside Chase, also roller moveable
wrench, ~~of~~ oil can &c Ship as you
did the type &c to "Prof Wm A. Kelly
Training School, Sitka, Alaska"
Please mail the bill to me.

Hoping this will reach you in
time I remain

Yours Truly
Sheldon Jackson

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June 27 /

Messrs Tatum & Brown

San Francisco Cal

Dear Sirs

On the 11th of June I left with your Branch House at Portland Or, an order for a printing outfit for the Indian Training School at this place.

As they had no second hand, Washington Printing press in stock they said they would write you in San Francisco.

Since reaching Sitka, the printer who is to train the boys, greatly prefers a "London" Press. If therefore you have not sent the "Washington" to Prof Wm A. Kelly, Sitka Alaska, do not send it. Or if you have shipped it I can stop it at Port Townsend, where

it is reshipped from the San Francisco to the Alaska steamer, please telegraph to have it returned to you, & charge the freight to me.

I have written ~~the~~ your Portland House to send me instead of the "Washington" a Second hand "Old reliable Gordon Press. Quarter Medium 10 x 15 inches inside of the chases." If they have none on hand, they will probably write you for one. If neither house has one in stock, and none come in shortly, perhaps you can find one at Palmer & Rey's

Hoping this will reach you in time to prevent any mistake.

I remain Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson

June 27th

Mr Geo B. Adair

Gordon Hardware Co. Seattle W.T.

Dear Sir

While in St Paul lately I saw a road Scraper (used in grading Streets making roads &c) Mounted on a pair of wheels, so that when the Scraper had shoveled up its load of dirt, it could be swung free from the ground and rolled with the wheels to its destination

If you have such an implement please ship me one on the Schooner Leo; If you have not, and can procure me one please do so & send to me at Sitka Alaska - Also mail me a bill for the same. If they are in different sizes - send me the size that is most convenient for one to use

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We want it at the Mission School for drawing sand & gravel.

Some time ago I wrote Messrs Stetson & Post to procure me some nails, hardware &c & gun - Please send bill direct to me at Sitka.

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

June 28th

Mrs Walker & Mrs Hinks
W. Ex. Comte of F. M.

Dear Friends

Upon my arrival at Sitka I found the training School in a flourishing condition so far as numbers are concerned, there being over 100 in the Home.

The teachers & Employees are efficient, except [illegible] Mr Overend, the Carpenter who came here an invalid to try the Climate & has not the physical strength & health for the position. His wife however will be a real loss to the Mission if they were to go away.

The disagreeable member of the faculty seems to be Mrs Winans, who is so quarrelsome, that she can not even take her meals with the others, but cooks & boards

hardly in her bed room. She constantly maintains that she did not come here to do mending & patching, but to teach the girls the cutting & making of new garments. (At this she is very efficient) Consequently Mr Kelley has great difficulty in getting the necessary mending done.

Latterly she has claimed that all new clothes - clothes - packages of dry goods &c should not be received by either the Supt or Matron, but be delivered to her direct and claims that she lately received a letter from you to that effect.

The result of her domineering is that Miss Kelsey, who has developed into one of the best workers here among the ladies is ready to give up & has applied for the first vacancy among the Government School.

With all the conflicting interests

among several employees at one Station and the greater selfishness of some than others, it is important that the Executive Committee allow the Supt of the School to be the Supt & adjust as best he can the division of work among the several departments. In the Sitka School I hope you will not tie Mr Kelly's hands by giving Mrs Winans or any other Employee undue power. Unless you wish discord & wrangling you must have one head to the work in a School like this & trust him. From all I can see there as I come here year after year, Mr Kelly is proving a good Supt & I hope you will trust him to arrange the work.

Whatever work you expect to allow this season in the way of painting & completing

the building up, please arrange for it at once. Remember that July & August are the months in which such work can be done best & cheapest. What with the lack of time consumed in hearing from Salt Lake, ~~that~~ a few hours delay in receiving the bill may delay one month or more. For while we have four also one month we have but one mail. So look out. I send big express.

If you could see with your own eyes the hard of the washing machines, you would be more merry if need be in your own responsibility. I hope they are on their way.

There are now 100 children in the home & from 30 to 40 of them are in the sick house with the measles.

I go to the Hospital!!

Only last Saturday, a girl 16 years old applied for admission to the School. ~~Her~~ She is an orphan. Her brothers sold her to a native as a polygamous wife. Her position in her husband's house is a slave to wait on the first wife, who is crippled with Rheumatism. The Naval Surgeon, who made a Medical Examination found her so diseased that it would not be safe to take her into the institution. When told that the Institution could not keep her, she wailed most piteously, saying that her sisters (there are two younger ones in the Home) would learn the way to heaven but she would be shut out. What ~~was~~ could she do. She had no home or friends. Turned away from the Mission, there was nothing left for her, but to return to her husband's house, where the

the life that she would be compelled to lead, would in a few months land her in her grave and her soul lost

If wealthy Christians could only be here for a short time & have to decide, one or two such cases, where on the one side is a special Home or Hospital for such cases and on the other the loss of an immortal soul, they would very quick decide for the Hospital & furnish the money to build it. ~~If you & other~~

If God's people could sometimes stand where their Missionaries are compelled to stand & say the word, that sends a soul out, where it is necessarily placed under conditions that effectually prevent its coming to Christ, & they know that that must be the result, we would not wait long for the Hospital, that would

at least give them a chance of being saved. This last case distressed us so much, that Mr Austin finally ~~too~~ found one among our Church natives, who agreed to take charge of the girl & care ~~of~~ for her up at my expence, so that she can be taken into the Home.

Miss Christopher, a Scotch woman from Western Va-, who has been the mainstay of Mrs Young's home, is ready to come here on the 1st of August. I have seen her work for the last two years & know her to be a valuable worker & I trust you will authorize Mr Kelly to employ her - She is very much needed. She is ready to fit into one of the places where most needed.

Mr Kelly is sick in bed (we hope he will be out in a few days) & therefore I write more at length.

Sister Austin gone, & the sickness among the Children, the Matron you are looking for is very much needed, — urgently needed at once.

But I must close lest you never wish to hear from me again.

At the last Communion on the 1st Sab in June Mr Austin received & baptized 14 of the Natives into the Church & baptized 8 Children

This makes 41 received since the 1st of April —

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

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June 30th

Mr Shields

Dear Sir

If you collect Drovemoney please take down the boys & proceed to Killbonan & erect the School House that you were to have built last winter

If Rudolph, Matthew & Paul Carr & Mary give them the first you need tell them they could go with you

Mr Johnston the teacher has the plan

Truly Yours

Malcolm Lachlan

Confidential

July 1st

Dear Mr White

Enclosed you will find an official letter that will surprise you. This letter is confidential & to keep you understand the situation.

When the New Territorial Board came to Juneau for business for the Coming year Gov Swineford made a motion that the secretary (myself) be instructed to inform you, that your further services were dispensed with & protested with all my might against the outrage and injustice of that motion. Finally it came to a vote, the Gov voted aye & I voted no. The judge who is Chairman of the body cast the deciding vote. Yes. During the discussion it came out that the Gov & judge wanted to place Secretary of Alaska at Juneau & then move

that you be head teacher at Killisnoo but the Sec'y judge decided that a woman teacher could do as well & be cheaper & forgot the thing to decide, that at least the Inds came to my aide that you should not be turned off in that manner. Mr Sheldon & that he was in favor of starting a school on Douglas Island & making you teacher. Latterly at that, I immediately moved that you be appointed & it was carried. All the $1500 salaries of last year, have been cut down to $1200 this. So that you receive the same as other female teachers. This will do you until something else opens. The Home Board are preparing to start a hospital in connection with the Sitka Training School. Perhaps, if you care for it, I can secure the Charge of that. When I see you I can tell you other things.

A Mr Brown of Syracuse has been appointed Assistant teacher to Mr Johnson.

Yours Truly in haste

Sheldon Jackson

July 20

Gen John McCafferty

Sir

Upon arriving at Silkeew weeks ago I was met with the report that I had gone to President Cleveland and asked him to withdraw your name from the Senate. It is one of the untruthfulness told about me by the men who want drive me out of this Country if they could.

I never saw or write the President concerning you & was very much [illegible] read in the papers that your name had been withdrawn.

More than that I had a warm personal friend in the Senate Committee before whom your name was for confirmation & pile before you was [illegible] be confirmed. Your treatment of me

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was outrageous. I can probably appreciate it better than most people, having suffered as much through corruption.

Coming to see you in Washington next winter.

Sincerely Yours Truly
Sheldon Jackson

July 11th

Messrs Otters & Post

Seattle W. Terr.

Gens

The Leg has arrived with the lumber I have not put it in shape to take it with the bill. Our carpenter is at it to-day but as I leave to-day to be absent two or three weeks I enclose you my check for the full amount, believing that you will find any error in scaling. I distinctly note you that I wanted even thickness as plain as possible, but I find you have sent the lumber rough. Also a quantity of fence mouldings, which I did not order.

In the previous bill of 4000 ft of 1x3 inch stuff 12 ft long fell short 300 feet. Please send it up by the next Leg.

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I am getting ready to erect two more school buildings this fall, one Church and remove the hospital –

The bill for the 1x3 duff has been forwarded to Washington for payment.

Please mail the receipt in duplicate for the $52 14/100.

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

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July 21st

Mr Geo B. Adair
London Hardware Co

Sir

The Co is not delivering your full of goods. As I leave today to be one week or three weeks, I will be unable to learn if they are all here. but believing that if they are not, you will supply the deficiency I send you a check for the full amount. The Terra Cotta pipe is in bad order, the rim of one or two pipes being cracked & broken beyond use.

Mr Bauer says that he received them in bad order & so signed

The two Terra Cotta tubs were not shipped & are in the hold.

Please see that they are shipped on the first boat.

Mean me multiplicate receipts
for the year 1851

I hope to build two more school houses
one church & a hospital next this season
from these funds

Sheridan Jackson

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July 22nd

Messrs Zatum & Brown
Portland Or

Gents

Enclosed find Check for $[illegible] to the amount of your bill. Please mail me receipt in duplicate for the same.

Several items are lacking, which I expect you to supply or adjust in the future. I am called away to day to be absent 2 or 3 weeks, & do not send upon the amount of bill, without my printer bring her to say what is lacking.

One thing I remember. You sent me electrotyped heading "Please send me one "The North Star" Space 9½ inches long

Yours truly
[illegible]

I presume you received my letter for a second hand "Old reliable Gordon" Press. Quarter Medium 10 x 15 inch inside with oil can, wrench, roller moulds & everything that belongs to it –

August 21st

Mrs E. Sneeden
Appletons Cyclopedia
63 Blackstone St. Boston

Madam

Yours containing the lines came by last mail & I hasten to return it to you.

You will confer a great favor if you will make the additions, marked with red. They will not add very much to the space but will add very much to the completeness of the sketch.

By this mail I send you one of the natural baskets of this region which I hope will reach you safely.

If not a King too much, please mail me a proof of the ~~corrected~~ revised sketch for the press.

Hoping you will

[illegible]

[illegible] Cells, Color

[illegible] 14th [illegible]

Dear Friend

[illegible] by this mail in three working packet blankets.

The White Cards were $1 each 14

And the 4 larger ones $1½ each [illegible]

[illegible]

Friends have bucked up all the better in this County as prices much higher here than [illegible] to dance on our [illegible] shall find you a chance for the benefit of the Union.

I hope the Sanitary will reach home safe and prove profitable. All [illegible] in [illegible] the [illegible] for half the cash [illegible] have [illegible] dis-

[illegible] will [illegible] and [illegible] into the [illegible]. If the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the leaves to which the [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] both leaves [illegible], [illegible] put the cover on the back [illegible] let them dry [illegible] press. The cover will adhere [illegible] to the back.

"The large books made nice [illegible] paper books for a library [illegible] with covers, lined with silk or satin make nice work baskets for the [illegible] needles &c.

If you would like them, I think you [illegible] interest in learning that I can [illegible] some books to be made by the poor [illegible] Indians. May [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the world [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

"And [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] the power [illegible] [illegible] in Christ [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Sept. 6th

Mr. R. Mills

Lake Mohonk Mountain House
Shawangunk, Ulster Co. N.Y.

My Dear Friend

Your kind invitation to the Albany Conference for Sept. 25 I received in due time. And I hope to see you in Milwaukee, and can honestly say I regret that I cannot be with you at that meeting.

It would be a very great pleasure to me to see and know the Christ spirit and intelligent work which you are bringing to bear upon the occasion.

May the Lord bless you for Christ's sake in your work and the great interests of this season.

Hoping to meet you and your good wife on the same platform in Washington — Kindly remember me to her and to Mrs. Dunn.

Yours truly

Lewiston

Benjamin F. Butler

University Place New York

Dear Brother

Your several letters from Sacramento and San Francisco came to the last mail which obliged me to the trouble of contributing with you to this address. I will see that each one hears from here.

Also much obliged for your description of the San Francisco interview.

As soon as I will be spend some time in New York Volume & Science

It has rained much of the time since we were here. This is proving the rainiest and coldest summer in this section for 53 years. The rain has greatly injured with the building operations of the two Companies. They have the Carpenter Shop and

and printing office up and roofed, and are now shingling the hospital building. We expect to erect yet this fall two houses for the boys and a church building in the town. Also the Government School house, the contract for building which has been given to the School. You will notice that they will not lack in the practical exercise of Carpentering.

The ~~Sitka~~ Alaska Society has not yet been launched, but active work has commenced in collecting for the Museum. I hope to have the work in progress before I leave this winter for the east.

Upon consulting with those most interested upon my return to Sitka, it was thought best to have two Societies, composed of practically the same members. One the ~~Sitka~~ Alaska Soc of Sitka for collecting & publishing scientific data & folk lore and the other the Museum of Alaska Natural History & Ethnology. This places the permanent collection

Under the control & protection of the teachers of the Training School.

The following is a list of teachers books already in our library

Page's Lectures on the Science & Art of Education
" " " " Education
Northend's Teacher's Assistant
"Emett's Pedagogy.
Page on Teaching
Wilkin's on Primary Education
Barnard's Kindergarten
Sherrill's Normal Question Book.

Before the mail closes, I will procure you a list of the Carpenter tools in hand.

You can not realize what an impetus the visit of general & fellow pa[illegible] has given to this School. It has made the whole future seem much brighter. We constantly pray God to bless you and remember us to Mrs Butler

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

September 7

Rev Wm H. Miller

Bryn Mawr Pa

Dear Brother

Your letters of July 11th & August 9th the former containing $451 and the latter $40 were duly received and acknowledged. Rudolph and some of the boys are hard at work at his house. By the time this reaches you, they will have it finished and the roof on. This season has been the rainiest and coldest in 13 years according to the weather signal service. The almost constant rain has greatly retarded building operations.

The school boys this season have erected a carpenter shop and printing office 24 x 40 feet in size, a hospital 31 x 40 feet, and hope yet this year to build a

a female Chapel 20 x 40 ft, and a Government School house 34 x 40 ft. The Contract for this latter building was given to the School in preference to all other bidders.

You will perceive that they will not lack this season practical exercise in the Carpenter department.

When Rudolph's house is finished, I will be pleased to receive a photograph of it, for the friends at Hampton.

Enclosed find letter for the girls that contributed the last $4.00.

Now as to Peter Church. Last spring in order that he might earn some money to assist in procuring Clothes &c he went with Mr Austin process to Peter the place of Interpreter on the U.S. Gun Boat Pinola where he received good wages.

Relieved from the restraints & helpful influences of the School, he turned to his blanket & into liquor & became badly disabled as a consequence.

God has since sended up by going to the Greek-Russian Church & making in a girl of bad Character. This is a great trial to the Mission teachers.

It is touching to hear the prayers of some of the Children in the School that he may be brought to repentance.

Pitt Kind regards to your family & other friends, I remain

Your brother in Christ

[illegible] Jackson.

September 6

To the two Mts that need a fair in the temple
of Rudolph's heart
My dear young friends

The last mail brought me from Rev. Wm H. Miller a Check for $45
which he kindly wrote me was the proceeds
of your [illegible] etc.

In behalf of Rudolph, his life, and
bath (Thomas Rudolph Walton) I tremble
and in my heart thank, and pray
God that you may receive rich return
blessings in your own hearts & lives.

I hope also that sometime you may
have the great pleasure of making a
visit to this distant section of the Country
, for I know you would enjoy it
very much. It has wonderful scenery
— great mountains & large lakes &

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But besides the Queen & Kingdom we would be greatly interested in the people and especially the Children.

When we see some of the heathen men, clothed in rags, with their faces painted black, sitting upon the ground in their dirt and filth, I am sure we can pray for them. And with that they could have a chance to learn something & live better.

Then when we washed silk & saw the Mission school with 105 children, well clothed, clean & happy boys & girls I am sure we would be more thankful that you have been permitted to keep secure this.

As they have never had a chance to much of the world, they have some queer ideas about things. Tom, you & Hen never saw a horse! Last year the Mission purchased a pair of [illegible] One night when the work was done, the teacher asked a couple of the boys to the barn to take care of the horses. Presently the

returned to ask if they should "take the cloth off the mine", referring to the hame.

When the first donkeys were brought here to pack ore from the mine, some of the children wanted to know if they were "Bucky Rabbits."

Concerning the modern little madam's dresses, one of the children asked her teacher "if all American women were born with a hump on their back"

A new lady teacher some time ago had occasion to whip one of the boys. He went out and informed some of his companions that they must be good for the new lady "Her strong — he hit you hard — he make you holler"

Last spring when the bells of the Russian Church were ringing on Easter day a man met one of the Russian boys on the street & asked him what the bells were ringing for? He replied he did not know. "Ee thought Jesus Christ was dead

At last the ignorant, the lazy, the cutthroat man asked "Who did it?" The boy answered "He wasn't there, but he thought about the time the Russians sold the Oregon to the Americans."

There is much ignorance here, because but few children have a chance.

But through the Mission School light is commencing to spread and I hope you will see that my children may be found in under the influence of the church.

I am trying to find a little chance in the hotels. Last Sabbath I held the prayer school in and had up a collection of $17,50 in money, a [illegible] two finger rings and a locket. This week gone by the men (Rudolph among them) have volunteered to go off into the mountains & cut cedar logs for the foundation.

Again thank Kind Lord. I remain [illegible] Your unworthy [illegible]

Sheldon Jackson

September 7

To the Principal
of the Ladies Seminary Mottafield Mass
Madam

Mrs Ed Elliott of Shepard of New York City, who visited us this summer became so much interested in our native Mission Training School at this place that she has offered to be at the expense of taking one of our girls and placing them under her own care for Education as missionaries.

Of course the next question is will you receive them? If so, I will have them here, the last of November.

Our plan is to take three or four and have them trained as teachers, so that they can return in time take charge of schools among their own people.

They are still in their primary

Studies, but it seems best to send them now.

Please let me hear from you at an early date. Also send me two or three fuller catalogues.

Any suggestions you may have to make will be thankfully received.

I mail you two of these pamphlets concerning the work in this distant corner of the land.

Yours truly in Mission work

C. Gordon Jackson

Gen'l General Agent

P.S. While I write for mellons give dishes, I
would not confine you to the. I like carvings of new
things, and think it is very likely we may be
invited to enter, If so combined at the Training
School a little museum of Natural History & Ethnology
of the Pacific Coast, so that we could like the best pieces
that our people make, a variety in pallmost
carvings.

September 6th.

To George H. Hopkins
Skidegate B.C. Queen C.I.

Mr Dear Brother

Your postal of June 7th is
received by the last mail. I wrote you
I think sometime in June, but can find no
record of what I wrote. I have a faint remi-
niscence that I asked you to send a
slate totem pole to Bishop E.H. Newton
1037 Market St. San Francisco - Cal
And perhaps some other orders - I can
not remember -

I now enclose you a Check on New York
for fifty dollars - which you will please use
in securing me such carved black slate
dishes as you have an opportunity during
the winter when in the Drains. Be sure
to secure & ship to me at Port-

inform (Mr Roberts, when he has an opportunity by a passing Canoe, to send to Port Town and to be forwarded to me at Sitka, or to Mr Duncan's new place Port Chester Alaska to be shipped from there. Or if you judge it better & safer I may direct the boy to me at Sitka and ship to Victoria, Cary Pacific Co's Steamship Co, & the latter Company will bring to Sitka. I leave it to your judgement as to the latter & best has to get it to me. Or perhaps a third better will be to take it with you next spring on the Stad Zilinow when I am to be on board the ship i from below –

I think I prefer medium size dishes I leave what more to be to your judgement.

Could I obtain the Leading in the Christian Guardian which I receive regularly Mr Crosby's account of your trip to Port Simpson. The Lord bless you in your work – I remain Yours in Christ – Thomas Crosby

Mr. Cook at I

Mr. Crosby's compliments to Mr. Cook & he would be very thankful if he would forward the enclosed letter to Mr. Duncan at Port Chester Alaska

Sept 6th

Mr Ezekiel Peck

Troy Laundry Machine Co Troy

Dear Sir

Your letter of July 15th with enclosed plan of Wash house with location of Steam machinery was received

Thanks -

Now please add to your kindness by sending me the proper height of the ceiling, provided it makes any special difference - What is the elevation of the Engine boiler above the floor -

We hope to build this coming winter

Any suggestions you may make about anything will be thankfully received

Yours

Sheldon Jackson

U. S. Indian Agent

September 7

Rev Robert Faulkner

Metlakatla. Alaska

Dear Brother

Capt Pickwick, U.S.S. Pinta informs me that he has received three boxes of Curios for me. And Mr Duncan tells me that I am had sent a letter through him, which he could not find. I presume it was the bill. If so please be so kind as to send another, & I will forward you the amount as soon as I know how much it is.

I mean to a couple volumes of Government reports on Education.

Thankfully for your trouble in and in the Curios, I remain your Un-

worthy Brother in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Number 5th

Mrs E. H. Shepard

No 2. Mark-Square N. York

My dear Friend

Yours of the 1st inst. containing a copy of your proposed Circular to Attached Members, came safely to hand

It is not yet fully decided, how we shall act, but the matter is under prayerful consideration.

When any thing is definitely determined I will write you.

It is probable your circular will be serviceable in the construction of the Queen Mab School buildings at Sitka and we will keep it here until Mrs Eliot gives the teachers a blanket to prepare the Children for the trip

We have seen the boys of the

Mission have erected a carpenter shop and printing office 24x60 feet & stories in size. Also the hospital 30x60 feet in size. You will also be pleased to learn that the Government has given Mr Kelly and the Mission boys the contract for the erection of the Government office at Sitka for $2000.

The visit of your husband and your legend new Converts in the Mission teach and not a week passes that you are not affectionately mentioned at the teachers table.

We look onward to a new era of progress from that time. We have had continually for all he put it into your heart to do for us.

When you read news you think of our Queen, that you or Our Mission of your family writes like, that you will do so, please let me know & I will be on forward it to you. The Mail Steamer is announced & I must close for to-day.

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Copy

Rev H. L. Wang
Seattle, W. Ter

Dear Brother

The Presbytery of Alaska at its last annual meeting took the following unanimous action

"Whereas the creation of a new synod to comprise the Ministers & Churches in Washington Ter & Alaska is under consideration, the Presbytery of Alaska in annual session at Juneau July 8–10 1889 do hereby express their approval of the same and instruct their Commissioner to the General Assembly to use all proper means to secure the formation of the synod by the General Assembly."

The Presbytery of Alaska numbers 9 ministers and 3 Church organizations. Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
Stated Clerk

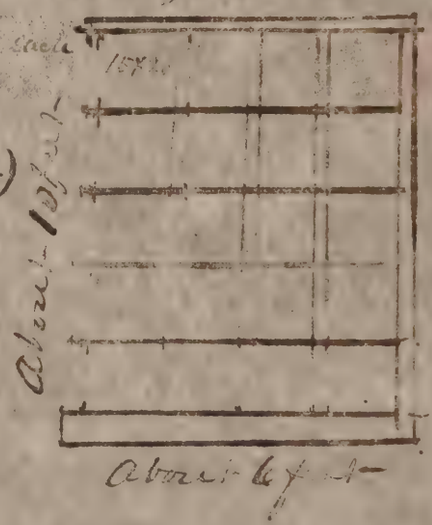
Sept 8th

Messrs Alstan & Poole Glass Co
Seattle. Washington Ter

Dear Sir

Please prepare for me the following order and ship on the next trip of the Olympian.

2 sash 5 light high & 20 inches each
4 lights wide (2 each) 15 inches each
of 15 x 20 inch glass.
They are for sliding doors for a lock case



Do not glass the sash, but please send the glass in a separate box.

The order will then be
sash about 10 x 6 feet each
50 lights ~~10 x 15~~ 15 x 20 inch

Very truly yours. Sheldon Jackson

September 7th

Lordon Hardware Co

Seattle W. T.

Dear Sir

Enclosed find Check for $65.25
Please send me receipt in duplicate
The Chimney tops were found all right in the box after the Mail left
I hope to send you another order for the Schooner Leo -

Yrs Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

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Superintendent
Superintendent & Post-Master
Seattle, W. T.

Dear Sir

Please ship me by the Return of the Schooner Leo

300 ft (No 2). 4" & 6" and beaded 1 X 4 } Planed on one side
200 " " " " " tongue 1 X 4 }
350 linear ft 1 X 16" - 14 ft long } Planed on both sides
350 " " 1 X 6 16 " " }

15 windows & lights 12 X 18 Glass Sash

Also please send me the 300 ft of 1 X 3 - inch rough lumber 12 feet long, which fell short on your bill of May 24th to which your attention has previously been called.

[illegible]
[illegible]

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Seattle, W. T.

Dear Sir

Please ship me by the Steamer
[illegible] inch
[illegible] " " "
[illegible] " " "
[illegible] " " "
lock brass face
1 pair 4½ × 4½ hinges
6 panes of Glass 34 × 24¾ inches in size
[illegible] like a good quality of common glass
[illegible] are for use in picture frames.
[illegible] 24 inches, if the glass cuts to our
better advantage. If it does not come
[illegible] size & needs to be cut, please have the
cutting done in Seattle, as we have no
conveniences for cutting here.
1 Glass 16 × 22 } Cuts for picture frames.
12 " 14 × 21

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Sept 22nd 7

Corbett Hardware Co

Seattle W. Terr

Sir

Please send me the following order with bill —

210 lbs Lead white lead paint

25 lbs card bright Green " (for outside window blinds)

5 or 10 lbs bright red paint for window sashes -

1 Boiled linseed oil for the same

1 Keg 4 penny Shingle nails

4 " 8 " " "

1 Package of putty.

Sept 22nd

Dr H. H. White

I have sent Mr Willard a Check for $30 & asked him to be so kind as to send you that much silver.

With the money please purchase me a good Chilcat blanket (I bought one of Mrs Dickinson for that amount) and send it to me the first opportunity. Perhaps you can send it best to Mr Willard & ask him to forward it from Juneau to Sitka by express. If you have to pay the difference. Only by the $30 price first.

If you have offered a good Chilcat rain coat (woven similar to the blanket, but without a fringe) at $30 please secure it.

Very truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Sept 22d

Dear Bro Willard

I enclose you a check for $30. Please change it into Silver and send to Dr H. H. White at the first opportunity, and ask him to please procure me a good Chilcat Blanket when he has an opportunity.

If possible to borrow that handbook on painting please do so & loan Mr Kelly. If you cant not borrow it, procure the name & address of the publisher, that he may send for one.

Trusting you are all well, I remain with Kind regards to the family.

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Sept 24th

Mr Wm Radleman

Dear Brother

Please have the following sign made & painted for me & ship it by the first Steamer after it is done. Ask the painter to push the job as fast as he can. I should have ordered it two Steamers ago. Have the Board painted with the best white lead, ~~the lettering in black~~. with plain lettering in black. Please mail me bill for the same.

Yrs Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Board 4 feet long and about 18 inches wide, with a plain moulding around the edge

Elliott F. Shepard
INDUSTRIAL BUILDING

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Sept 24th

Dear Mr Davis

Yours of Aug 24th is received. If you are correct in your judgment, the New School Board will greatly lower the efficiency of the Schools - and lower the standard of the teachers. The deterioration has already commenced -

It is a step in another way, it changes the composition of some of the officials, into politicians instead. And it gives a chance for obliquity of attendance, the parents wished that native petition to ensure attendance -

Col Neale, the late Asst Dist Attorney has contracted with Consumption & consequently the office is vacant. It is worth probably about $5000 a year.

If [illegible]

the appointment of a good Christian man to the vacancy, I am will cause a great boon in Alaska -

Whiskey reigns as supreme now, as under the Republican officials.

I have never seen as much drunkenness in Sitka as this summer.

I will write today to Minneapolis concerning the Map. I am sorry you have not had the use of it this season I hope it is not lost.

The equinoctial storm is upon us - with wind & rain -

The older pupils often speak of you & wish to see you again -

Kind regards to your family

Very truly yours

Sheldon Jackson

I expect to spend the winter in Washington as usual -

Sept 24th

Gen George H. Sikes
Solicitor General
Washington D.C.

Dear Friend

You will have already heard the death of Col M. D. Ball, U.S. District Attorney for Alaska. Please use your influence to secure the appointment of a good Christian lawyer to the vacancy. Alaska has never yet had a fair show. Mr Haskett the republican Dist Attorney was a drunkard, gambler & liberline!

Col Ball the late incumbent was a consumptive & too feeble for the position in a frontier country. We need a well read lawyer, and a man of principle & courage — not afraid to stand up for the right & fearlessly handling the prohibition temperance

Executive of Congress, Salvers flour & Cod drunken men are daily seen staggering towards our principal street.

"For the credit of the Administration and the sake of humanity use your influence to secure us a good man.

"Send Eaquor to Mrs Cooke & your daughter

"Yours truly yours

Sheldon Jackson

Oct 8th

Hon. C. L. Muldrow
Asst. Sec'y Secretary of the Interior

Sir

The enclosed is this day received. I find that Vol 13th is here, but not Vol 15 of Final Reports of the 11th Census. It takes so long to send mail from Washington & receive a reply, that I presume you have received the Card acknowledging the receipt of Vol 12 since your note was written. However I send it over again.

If you have one to spare, please mail me a copy of Vol 15

Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
U. S. Gen'l Agent

Sir is proper that Vol 15 was left with my books at the Bureau of Education.

Oct 18th

Mr Wm Duncan

Nutlaart & Co

Mr Dear Brother.

Your letter of Sept 17th and Mr Tomlinson's of July 18th together with bill of July 6th for Stone Carvings are reached me by the last Steamer.

The Carvings came very well only 4 or 5 being broken. I enclose to your order a Check for $130, which please turn over to the Stone for payment of Curios.

The Store Keeper has added it up $140. but I can only make $130. I return you the bill, that you may find out the Mistake. If it should be $140 please let me know & I will send you the balance.

I shall be more [illegible]

Commencing the formation of a public Museum in Connection with the School at Sitka. And I would like to secure all the Curios that your Store can get rid of. When they have a box full on hand at any time, please box them up & send to me at Sitka by the Mail Steamers as freight.

Also send bill by Mail. If I should be out at the time, ~~the~~ Mr Kelly, Supt of the School will take Charge of them for me.

I hope to start east by the Unom which leaves here early in November. After that my Address will be "Care of Bureau of Education, Washington D.C."

I wish the Steamer might stop at your place even a half Hour.

I would so much like to see how you look in your new home.

Your Claim to the Island Came safe & has been duly recorded by the Clerk

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of the Court. The information may not be correct, but I am told that you will have to sell your launch, that you can not run it under the American flag.

The Schooner Leo came in yesterday from Puget Sound. I do not know why she did not call in upon you, unless she had a full load & thought she could not afford to. If you can use the Worthy's vessel, you will probably find it much cheaper.

The Lord greatly bless you & your people. I pray for you daily.

If Mr Sandlinder is with you please show him this letter & ask him to consider it also as an answer to his.

Your bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

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Oct 18th

Miss E. Singleton
63 Bleeker St. New York

Madam

Yours of Sept 12th came by the last Steamer.

I will secure the data you wish from Mrs Ellis Garland.

You ask me "the relative importance of her work." With the understanding that you wish me to be candid & will consider information gained in this way as confidential, I do not consider her work in Alaska as a success.

She is not equal in efficiency to that of some others in Alaska. She is pious, earnest, industrious & brave, but lacks in executive ability. Her selection was made [illegible]

territory by her bravery, in being willing to commence the work & remain in it a year, before any Gentlemen could be sent to her assistance & protection.

Then in the commencement of the Alaska work the Church did not believe in it, so that it was necessary for me to do something to touch the popular heart & arouse sympathy & enthusiasm.

This I did by giving special prominence to the fact that a woman had entered the Alaska work alone, and in that distant region among the heathen was holding the fort alone. I kept it in the Church papers, dwelt upon it in public lectures & wrote it up in my ink.

I made Mrs Mc F. famous, & secured the permanency of the work. After the work became established, Mrs Mc F. has manifested no special ability, or accomplished more than others.

Her unusual success & ability

the two prominent missionaries of this region are Rev Alonzo E. Austin of Sitka and Mr Eugene S. Willard, Juneau Alaska.

If you have not already secured them permit me to suggest the names of Rev David C. Lyon, St Paul, Minnesota. As Mr Lyon's mind is partly gone write old ac, please write concerning him to Rev Robert H. Lumile D.D. New York City

Rev George Stevens D.D. Carlisle Pa. Dr Stevens is one of the leading Presbyterian Ministers of Central Pennsylvania.

William Duncan, Metlah Katla Alaska. Concerning him write Mr Henry S. Malcom, Lotus Club, New York City. Mr Malcom has recently published a book on Mr Duncan's work.

Then if your plan embraces the dominion of Canada, you should note Rev Thomas Crosby, Port Simpson British Columbia

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Oct. 18th.

Mrs Sarah S. Kinney

4 Winthrop St. Hartford Conn

Madam

Your kind letter of Sept. 13th reached me by the last mail.

I have made a commencement at Indian homes. I have secured three as a commencement. Two of them are up and inclosed and the third is being roofed. Before I return home I hope to have them photographed I will send you some copies.

As it is now too late to undertake another before winter sets in, I can not make for the Connecticut Colonies this winter. If the money can be raised by the 1st of March next, the work can be commenced in April.

I have to leave for the south next month
will be accompanied by 4 or 5 colored
children, the girls to be taken to Miss
Mosely's school at Northfield Mass.
and the boys to Carlisle Pa.

The address for November & December will be
care of 125 N. Hanover St. Carlisle Pa
From Jan to April 88 care of Bureau
of Education. Washington D.C.

Much obliged for the circulars sent.

Yours Truly in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Copy

Dr Sheldon McKenzie
Bought of July 1, 1897
Mullakahtla Cooperative Stone
Slate Stone Carving

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Oct 19th

Mr Edwin Hale Abbott

296 Knapp St. Milwaukee Wis

Dear Sir

I am happy to be able to write you that the Alaskan Society has been started with a fair prospect of success.

The Society will hold two regular Meetings a month, at which Scientific papers will be read and discussed.

At the Meeting Oct 11th you were elected a Corresponding Member.

It was thought best to make the Museum a seperate Society, although composed of the same Members, and connect it with the Industrial Training School.

1st It will be better cared for, as those most interested in its objects, will

Ever be found among the teachers.

2nd It will be more permanent. If started in the Village, and those specially interested should be removed or move away there would be danger of the Collection being scattered & stolen. But as a department of a growing institution, it will ever be cared for, although particular individuals may come & go.

3rd Your offer to Supt Kellogg to start a department of Carving & Modeling in the commencement of a new Education. The Museum will be needed to display the finest work of the new department & also procure & have on hand for the study of the students the best specimens of the old work of their ancestors.

I have had several conferences with Mr Brady concerning the purchase of his fine Collection, but he is unwilling to part with it. I have found sooner that if we can [illegible] $1000, which is much

less than he would ask for his, if he was willing to part with it, we can employ a good Collector, send him in a Canoe to the interior villages, which have not yet been reached by a Collector, and secure a collection equal to Mr Brady's. We have a young Selectman, who has had experience in Collecting, who is willing to go for expenses - during the winter months, when there is no work as carpenter. So that the larger part of the $1100 will go directly towards the purchase of Articles.

I have seen the offer of 20 pieces of fine Carving in Black Slate Stone for $150. which would readily sell to tourists for from Two to $400

The Museum Society, will be called "The Black Museum of Ethnology & Natural History"

I neglected to mention in connection with the Department of Carving & Weaving that it has been named the "Stolle Foundation of Wood Carving & Weaving"

I have secured you a nice Chilcat blanket for $40, but have failed so far to secure the table mats or carved horn spoons that you wanted. I have tried to have the mats made to order, but have not succeeded. However we may be able to pick up something during the winter. The shawl I will bring with me next month, when I go East, and express you letter from St. Paul or Chicago.

Through the generosity of Mr. Elliott & Shepard, I will take several Alaskan Children to Massachusetts for an Education.

Since you were here the boys have built two more model houses, (making three in all), the Carpenter Shop, (which is also a boat house, Printing Office & Boot & Shoe Shop, and a room for wood carving) & also a small Chapel.

They now have the contract for the erection of the public School building

The address for December will be 128 South Hanover St. Carlisle Pa. from Jan to April. U.S. Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.

Kind regards to Mrs Abbott.

The visit of General & fellow travellers has inspired new enthusiasm & life in the teachers & marks the commencement of a new era in the Institution.

The supplies for the Carpenter Shop Chart & Sewing looms, which you & others so kindly furnished through Mr Butler, are expected by the next steamer.

Yours truly yours

Sheldon Jackson

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Oct 20th

Rev E. S. Willard

Dear Brother

I expect to go east by the next steam (early in November) and take 4 or 5 Alaskan Children with me. The girls to Moody's Seminary at Northfield Mass. & the boys to Carlisle to learn trades.

I am willing to take Olga Hilton east to Moody's School if her Mother will let her go! I think it will be better for her than to remain here. She will be at a School for White girls. – the same school that Lennie Austin is attending. Please see her Mother & have the enclosed papers made out. Also write me by the steam, both by mail & by express so that I will ~~know~~ be sure to receive

Pay of the letters at once & will then
decide whether to start with here-
be here & attend to it as soon as you
can, as there is no time to lose

Hoping you are all well, I remain
Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson

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Memo.

Cashier
Merchants National Bank
42 Wall St. New York

Sir

Enclosed please find Check No 553 of Margaret L. Shepard on Bank of the Metropolis for one thousand dollars. Aug 7/87

Check No 51998 of Geo N. Evans Disbursing Clerk of Department of Interior on Assist Treasurer of U.S. at New York for five hundred and thirty six 47/100 dollars Aug 30. 1887

And Check No 411312 of Omaha National Bank on Chemical National Bank N York for five dollars Aug 22/87. Making in all $1541.47/100 which please place to my credit. Please acknowledge receipt to me "Care of Rev Wm A. Mackey Lucerna, Nash Co N.C." Yrs Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Nov 2nd

Miss Dorsha

Washington D.C.

Dear Friend

Your letter is received & I send you by mail as requested two Envelope boxes of Alaska Moss.

If they are received safely please drop me a postal at "135 S. Hanover St Carlisle Pa." If you can spare any of the Moss, please give some to Miss Amund.

I hope to reach Washington early in Jan 88.

I will bring with me 4 Alaskan girls enroute to Mr Moody's School Northfield Mass. & two boys for Carlisle Pa

I will remember you when there is a vacancy in the Sitka School.

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Please remember me very kindly to Gen Breckinridge & family — also to friends in the Bureau, also to Mrs Pickett

I send you a copy of our new paper "Faith Star"

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

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Nov. 2nd 1887

Messrs Stetson & Post Mill Co.

Seattle W. Ter

Gents

Your bill of lumber dated Sept 29th arrived by the last mail. Enclosed find check for $181 24/100 the amount given.

Please mail duplicate receipts to me care of Rev Wm A. Mackey, Tacoma, W Ter and I will get them as I pass back the last of this month.

There seems to be some fatality about that "300 feet of 1x6. 12 R L" It did not come last trip of Lee, with the other lumber or else the schooner men carried it to. I have not received it. Schooner men claim to know nothing about it.

Very truly yours

Sheldon Jackson

Nov 14th 1867

Mrs Elliott H. Shepard

I greatly regret to write that I find myself unable to leave by the expected steamer, however (D.V.) we will get away by the steamer Italia due here November 18th. This will bring us to New York about the Middle of Dec. When I reach Carlisle Pa I will be able to write you more definitely as to the time.

If you would like to invite in a few of your personal friends, the girls would sing for them both in English and in Shilingah.

The present address is Miss Campbell, Minnie Shelter, Florence Travers, Agnes Hill (they speak Russian) Mary Philips & Miss.

I send you a package of our new mission paper, the "North Star".

Kind remembrances to Dr Shepard & the Children

Your Brother Christ

Western Secretary

"Copy"

Preliminary Meeting October 1st 1868

Articles of Association

The undersigned agree to associate themselves together for the purpose of printing & publishing a newspaper in the City of Sitka Alaska upon the following terms and articles of agreement

II.

The object of this association shall be, first the publishing of a weekly ~~paper~~ Newspaper to be called The Alaskan, and secondly such other publishing and printing as may from time to time be undertaken, and the Association shall be known as the Alaskan Printing Company

III

The Members of said association shall consist at present of two in number, but others may be admitted, at any time not to exceed six

Number thirteen more, upon a vote of a majority of the existing Shares, and upon such terms as they may adopt

III

The Members agree to hold themselves responsible for the sum of seventy five dollars ($75) each as the Capital to be invested in said enterprise, of which it is understood that forty (40) per cent is to be paid down, and the residue within three months from this time

IV

The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Secretary & a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, by a majority of all the Shares & hold their offices for the term of one year and until their successors are elected, and who shall [illegible] such an expenditure

Committee to Manage the business affairs of said Association.

V

The president, Secretary & Treasurer shall perform the duties usual to such officers in such Associations.

VII

The Association shall meet, at such times as may be adopted, to consider business, & the President shall call meetings, when in his opinion it is required, or upon the written request of three Members

VIII

In case of the necessity of increasing the Capital of said Association, the remaining Shares shall be sold to the Member indicated in Section 2. But in all such sales, the existing members

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shall be allowed first the privilege of purchasing

VIII

The additional shares, if ordered to be sold, shall be sold for the best sum attainable, but in no event for less than the par value of the original shares.

IX

A majority of shareholders shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, & a majority of the shares present or represented shall decide all questions, except propositions to change these articles, or to increase the value of capital shares on which a vote of three fifths of all the existing shares shall be required.

X

The association may at any time by a vote of

three fifths of its shares change the purport of any of these articles

XII

The Association may adopt such business regulations or by-laws as may be necessary for its government.

XIII

Parties not present at any meeting may vote their shares by a proxy in the hands of any other shareholder.

XIII

No share shall be forfeited by reason of failure to pay any increase of value put upon shares over the par value herein adopted, or any assessment upon the same, but each shareholder shall retain an interest in said Association, proportional to the amount he shall have paid in,

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provided he shall pay up said full par value — & provided further that in case of any such increase & failure, the party in default shall not be entitled to vote on any business affairs of the association unless allowed by a vote of a majority of the shareholders.

XIV

The News paper to be published by this Association shall be non-partizan in every respect, neither the organ of any party, Creed or locality, but devoted wholly & exclusively to the advancement of the material interests & welfare of the Territory of Alaska

Signed A. P. Swineford
Sheldon Jackson
~~Edward J. Brown~~
John J. McLean

	M. D. Neal
Transferred May 1886	~~Byron K. Coates~~
Transferred to A. P. Swingford April 1886	~~Andrew T. Lewis~~
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	Reuben Alberston
Transferred May 1886	~~John G. Brady~~
	Barton Atkins
Transferred May 1886	J. G. Heller
Transferred	~~Wm Martin M.D.~~
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Entries

Oct 1885 to July 24/86	Outfit Standing	$1275.64
" "	Material for Newspaper	114.60
Nov 17/85 to Mch 26/86	Material for job work	98.16
Mch/86 to July 24/86	Running	89.05
" " 26/86	Expenses	1213.86
Nov 7/85 to Mch 13/86	Receipts from	680.00
Dec 31/85. Jan 1/86	Paper sales	181.90
Mch 13/86 to Feb 11/87	Job Work, All Sources	134.00
Mch 13/85 to July 24/86	Advertisements	187.00
Dec 31/85 "	Subscriptions	538.48.

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Nov 5th

To the Board of Commissioners of the Presbyterian Church.

Dear Brethren.

Between the 1st of April & 1st of October during which my Commission extended I have visited the Mission Stations at Cairns, Juneau, and Wrangell, & spending the larger portion of the time at Sitka I have also visited Loring, & Killisnoo, and started twice on the U.S. Ship of War Pinta to visit Mr Gould's & Mr Curtis's Stations but were prevented from reaching them on account of the continuance of stormy weather. For the same reason I was also prevented from visiting Tongass & Mr Duncan's Station "New Metlakahtla" Moreover the latter I so I have a prospect yet visiting Fort Simpson

I have preached every Sabbath but three (severe cold) during the ~~[illegible]~~ continuance of my Commission.

On the 10th of July I had the privilege of assisting Messrs Willard & White in the organization of a native presbyterian Church at Juneau with 14 members.

This fall I have erected a small neat Chapel at Sitka. It is enclosed from the weather and painted on the outside, but not yet finished inside.

Last Sabbath Mr McAuslin received into the Church on examination & baptism 14 Natives; one of them an old Roman Pontificate with Shamanism. He also baptized five infants. I have also been able to send Dr H. H. White, brother of Mrs Willard) to Haines as Girl's teacher. He will for the present look after the Mission there, outside of his School duties.

Please send Check for my salary to me at "125 North Hanover St. Carlisle, Pa". I leave here on the 15th of November for the East. Will trim

Nov 5th

Miss Cecilia Cain

Principal Northfield Sem

Madam

Mr Merrill's letter of Sept 30 is this day received. Two of the girls I expect to bring last are 15. one 14, & one 13. They are all in good health and bright. They are all in the same grade of studies. They can probably meet your requirements for the preparatory course in Arithmetic & Geography but know nothing of grammer, except what they have learned from "language lessons" as at the Sitka Industrial School they are taught in the English language, which is a foreign tongue to them, much prominence is given to language lessons.

Last year Dr Lawyer received into the "Common school class", who was neither as

as advanced in his Studies or as quick to learn as their girls. From Prof Sawyer's letters I understand that he is not satisfied with Frederick L. Moses progress in his studies.

From what I had read of Mr Meade's schools I had gathered that they had a more than usual amount of consecration and of the Missionary Spirit and would be above all others the Schools for our Alaskan children, if however you can not take them, please let me know at once & I will find some other place for them.

As we leave for the East on the 18th of Nov please write me at "125 S. Hanover St. Carlisle, Pa."

Wishing you great wisdom and success in your school. I remain Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Two of your trustees, Mr Dodge & Mr [illegible] are interested in the Alaska Mission work & personal friends of mine.

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Nov 5th

Morton Hardware Co

Seattle. W. Terr

Dear Sir

Enclosed find Check for Seventy eight Goodollars in full for your two bills of Sept 27th and Oct 24th. Please mail me receipted bills in duplicate. Address them to me care of Rev Wm A. Mackey. Tacoma. Wash Terr I expect to come down on the Idaho & am having my mail meet me at Tacoma.

The hardware in bill of Sept 27th has not yet been found by the Sitka Trading Co -

The order of Oct 24th has not yet been landed to my course I do not know whether it is all here or not -

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

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June 1st

Hon George A. Jenks
Solicitor General of the U. S.

Dear Sir

The Hon Lafayette Dawson to be regretted the Mississippi people of Montana had lost in his resignation as Judge of this U. S. District.

It is rumored that Gov Swineford had a hand in forcing his resignation, and is actively at work trying to secure some one that he can use. If he should succeed it would be a sad day for the best interests of the Territory. Gov Swineford's administration does not improve with time. He has managed to quarrel with the Judge, Collector of Customs, Clerk of the Court and the other minor officials

Learning that those, who would have a Judge free from undue influence by

the Governor are inclining to recommend for Judge Grant the present U.S. District Attorney. I would say that so far as I know the public sentiment of the mission and better classes, that our Grant's promotion to the Judgeship will be very acceptable. He has impressed himself favorably on the community, is a strictly temperate man, and seems able to regard matters in a fair spirit. The mission and school interests have suffered so much in the past from worthless men being placed in influential positions that I trust you will give special attention to the selection of the next man.

With regards to Mrs Sentes & your daughter

Very truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

June 29th

Rev Henry Kendall D.D.

Dear Brother

Your savage letter of June 9th is just received. I wonder how many fault finding letters you received that morning, before you wrote me. It must have been a good many to have so stirred you up. I am glad you kept a letter press copy. I hope you will come across it some future time & then let me know what you think of it.

Now for the accusations

1st "That you have taken two of the Sitka teachers and put them into government school" I suppose you refer to Mrs Pakle a year ago, and Miss Lee next September - I did not take them out They saw Governor Ford & Judge Dawson & secured them

Provincial to act for them, before they
obtained their liberty to use in the Judicial
Court had declared it to be illegal
if the Council before & Return they proceeded to
act with the Government against.
On the Cons. Union Bill, the Speaker was
giving way in the Assembly, which occasioned
Mr. Wilkie to rise for such Day
"Subscribing the Adoption to the Opinion
of Government being Contrary to Law."
Union Bill Reference. The Committee
Reference to the Pr. Gov. Cons. that they
should look to it. - Cons. Union Bill Opinion
to return here. & Point to see Return the
Official Opinions Given &c.
"The Adoption have had a Meeting
Resolves in Assembly, Return they Reported
Unfavorable on that Point" Mr. Wilkie
was opposed & Proceeded Government for
Delay Persuasion to Prorogue a Law
the Country Supposing Lawful in Upper
Province & the Governor Person He has a Law

promise to vote for them, before they said anything to me on the subject. They had secured a ~~two~~ two third vote of the Board before I knew they wished to go into the Government service.

In the case of Miss Pakle, her health was giving way in the laundry, & she would have had to give up her work any way.

2nd "Subjecting the Ladies to the expense of transporting teachers to Litka"

Miss Pakle returned her travelling expenses to the W. Ex. Com, and they sent them back to her. And Miss Lee expects to return hers. I fail to see where the direct expense comes in.

3rd "The Ladies have not a single teacher in prospect, whom they regard as suitable for that field" Before Miss was appointed I understand Mr Lee asked permission to nominate a lady as County Superintendent in Western Pennª for several years he has a la

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And intimate acquaintance with our teachers, and would have very little difficulty in securing you a good Presbyterian lady teacher for that section. I neglected to say that he wrote by this mail, that he would like permission to select a teacher. The Presbytery of Alaska 2 or 3 years ago asked that the head of this School might select his own teachers, as far as they conformed to the requirements of the Board. And I think it is a very reasonable request.

4th Now as to the Metlakahtla Boys. I found a place for them to sleep. They have fallen without any friction or special commotion into the regular routine of study and work and three days after their arrival they were [illegible] along as [illegible]

they had not come. They are a good lot of boys - willing to work. - pleasant to ~~work~~ manage and all in all a very valuable addition to the School.

We are proud of them here, and I venture to say that next fall as you go among the Lynds you will be boasting of what your little School is doing for the Metlakahtans who had fled to the American flag for protection & help.

I consider the securing of those boys one of the best strokes of policy that I have accomplished this season.

You remember that about the last time you said to me in New York was to secure that Colony for Presbyterianism -

Now in what better way can that be accomplished than by taking Nearly all their young men & giving them a regular course of the Shortest Cabin. Those that can read English as memorizing it. The accust

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of the boys ~~of the boys~~ to our Presbyterian
boys for three or four years ought to help
us secure the next generation at least.
There are now 160 Children or over in
this School & there ought to be three
teachers for the School room —
And you ought to do represent the
Matter to the Government that they
will pay you for 150 Children this
Coming year. And the very fact
that you have 34 Mettakahllans in
the School will help you secure a larger
appropriation, especially if it comes
under the Bureau of Education, for
Dr Dawson takes a special interest
in Mr Duncan's Effort Movement.
Dear Pertlatt [illegible] like to [illegible]
[illegible]

boys under my direction have erected a steam drying room for Clothes -
Previously the Clothes have been hung to dry in the third or attic Story of the boys dwelling. The new drying room 100 x 50 feet fills this 3d Story free, and we have put the new boys in there - and there is room for more.
While the drying room was building we have had dry weeks of dry [illegible] shine & the Clothes were hung out doors in the old outhouse.
As soon as we can get around to it, Mr Kelley will have the new floor made in the third Story & perhaps a few more windows added and some minor changes made
I have not been away & left the boys but rise at 5 am & work away until 9 or 10 PM. taking regular Char[illegible] portion of the boys at their [illegible]
I gave my attention to the work

saw my way through before I took the Metta Kahtta boys – The School needed more employees before the boys came, & the only additional employee [illegible] necessary by their coming is a teacher for the School room & three instead of two as in the past – and these teachers, Mr Kelly will find for you, if you will allow him –

I have no doubt that sometimes you think we are acting inadvisedly but we think that if you yourselves were out here on the ground, that as the necessities arise, you would do as we do.

Remember that we are loyal to the Board & the Church. We have the [illegible]

And more than that, I am expending from $500 to $10, cash yearly from my own funds in increasing the efficiency of the School.

Keep constantly before your minds that the Institution is suffering not so much from the infirmities of the Missionaries, as the want of sufficient help — It has not been from the [illegible] ing fully equipped, and now with the Carpenter dead, and the Shoemaker dismissed for drunkenness, evil disposed white men are circulating the report that the claim of the School to such industries is a fraud.

There is a good Shoemaker (Mr Lake) & his wife at Wrangell, who asked to come here. Mr Young has written in their behalf that they be given a [illegible] And Mr Kelly has written [illegible] asking that they be sent here — This is the quickest & best [illegible] for you [illegible]

fill the new position. They are not
needed at Wrangell, even if we can
have a small home for girls.
Since my letter was written we have
reliable received information that both
the U.S. Officials at Wrangell and the
Presbyterian Church have recommended
to Kodiak that it was not wise to at-
tempt an Indian Home at Wrangell
and that such an Home was not needed
there, but that a small Home for girls
would meet all the necessities of the
case. We are informed also by
this mail, that Mrs Young has left
the Pennsylvania farm & Church
and disbanded the School - Mr Young
writes me, that they remove from Wrangell
by this Steamer! Please [illegible]
to the Presbyterian Board &c
Your Bro in Christ Sheldon Jackson

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July 11th 8

Lindon Hardware Co

Seattle W. Terr

Dear Sir

Please box & address to Sitka Training School, Care of Wm A. Kelly Sitka. Alaska the following Articles

1 Dozen inch elbows for iron pipe
1/2 " " Couplings
1/2 " " Bands
1/4 " " Faucets
1/2 " " Plugs
One - 1 1/4 inch Globe valve
Three - 1/2 " " "
One - 1/2 " Check "

1 Gross of Common windows or 12 Doz Slopes

2 Boxes of 12 X 16 Glass (4 bought of Lindon Hardware Stand wise Stand Wall iron & Lice. Hl. Shel lights.)

and bill to me at Sitka. Please send return Pacific Coast Steamer Ancon

Very Truly Yours

Allen Jackson

July 11th 8

Hon Benj Harrison

Indianapolis Ind

Dear Sir

The Mail steamer has arrived with the news of your nomination to the Presidency —

Alaska hastens to send congratulations. The Missionaries in this section will most earnestly pray for your election believing that you would end the rule of godless, drinking and gambling officials

May God give you strength and wisdom for the campaign and give success in the coming election

Kind regards to Mrs Harrison

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

July 11th 8

Mrs. C. E. Walker

Yours of June 28th 1888 is just received. Hearing that you have Commissioned Miss Kate Rankin I enclose you a letter which I commenced to write Drs Kendall & Irwin two or three weeks ago & had given up sending. But I send it now for two reasons, 1st that you may realize how dangerous it is in keeping Mrs Harding here. And 2nd that you are running into the same danger in sending Miss Rankin. I count both those ladies as friends. I believe them both to be good Christians but every good Christian is not fitted for a Mission School. That is the case with these two ladies. They both have a common failing. They are long on their tongue.

Mission Stirred up — and furnish the outside with the hints, which basis of the unfriendly feeling which many have towards the Mission

Miss Rankin gave the Mission trouble all the time she was here before. And it was to relieve the Mission of the burden, that I helped her to a position in the Government Schools. The Complaints at that time were made to Mrs Haines & of course you have no time to have looked up the back Correspondence. It is too bad! — too bad! Better have made a mistake on a Stranger, than to return one that had already been tried & found wanting.

Mrs Young's home is disbanded. The farm & implements sold to Mr Barnes. The printing outfit & other machinery to Mr Gould and the Children sent to Mrs McFarland. Mr & Mrs Lake have come here. They are a young healthy Couple full of work & not afraid of any kind of work — That is do not Consider any work in the Mission as too menial for them. They are warm hearted earnest Christians & good workers — He is a shoe maker & She — well she is willing to do into the Kitchen, laundry, assistant

Matron or any other position. They are just the people you need - They were Methodists in Nebraska, but united with the Presbyterian Church at Fort Wrangell. They were recommended to us Young by the Presbyterian Minister where they lived in Nebraska - Prof Kelly had to have immediate help & has taken them, pending hearing from you

We are having an unusually dry summer & Mr Kelly has taken the occasion to do some much needed ditching and as a result, he is down in bed with Chills & fever -.

J. Carpenter, as Shoe Maker - Mrs Mechanic - tailor, the Confederacy Indians are crying that the Chiefs & the Board of Latch Indians [illegible]

When Mrs Harding is removed
Remember that a Lady is needed at
to take her place.

Concerning the other matters I
will write you by next steamer.

In haste

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

July 14 8

Rev W. M. L. Heyman
Present

Sir:

Your apology of this date for a slanderous article sent to the press is [illegible]

I am very sorry that, instead of rushing into print, you did not come to me and investigate for yourself, as your first article will reach many people, who will never see the retraction

However as you ask it, I freely forgive as I hope to be forgiven by [illegible] which is in heaven.

[illegible] not be necessary for you to [illegible] Apology

[illegible] however, in order as far as [illegible] to undo the wrong you have [illegible], write a full and explicit

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retraction ~~to the paper~~ of the slander and send it to the paper that published the first article, with the request that they publish it.

Please send me a written copy of retraction you send to the paper.

I have read your letter to the readers.

Bro Kelley is too sick to give the matter any attention at present.

Yours truly
Sheldon Jackson

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July 17

Merchants National Bank

Washington City

Enclosed find Check No 21018 of Florala National Bank on Nat. Bk of Commerce for $291.00; Check No 31018 on Nat. Bank of Reserve N.J. on 4th Nat. Bk Phila for $4.25; Also Check No 17 given Mr. Moody on Fidelity Nat. Bk of Phila for 75 cts & 50c - making a total of $295.00 which please credit to Indy Creditors account

Very truly yours

J. Meister Jacobs

Sitka Alaska
July 25. 1888

Hon Lafayette Dawson
Judge of U.S. District Court Alaska

Hon & Dear Sir

The question has been asked whether an Atheist or infidel is a competent witness in a Court of Justice

If it is a proper request to make, I think the public would like your extra judicial opinion upon the subject before you leave the Bench in this District

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

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July 26th 8

Messrs Latham & Bowen
Portland Or

Sirs

On March 21st I purchased an engine & boiler of you for the Steam laundry connected with the Training School at Sitka

We are compelled to use wood in the ~~engine~~ furnace and are troubled with the cinders setting the roof on fire. Please send me a sieve for the top of the smoke stack. I think it is 18 inches in diameter

Also a steam whistle for the engine Direct them to "Mission School. Care of Mr A. Kelly. Sitka Alaska". Mail bill to me

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

July 26th 8

Dear Bro Irvin

Yours of July 6th is just received. The Fort Wrangell ~~School~~ Home has gone all to pieces.
The farm and implements are sold to Mr Barnes. He has married Miss Robinson, the Matron & they have gone to work for themselves. He is not a Church member. Mr & Mrs Lake have come here and are valuable workers. They are both members of the Presbyterian Church at Wrangell.
Consequently there is not a single employee of Mrs Young left — her force being composed of Mr & Mrs Lake, Mr Barnes & Miss Robinson. Mrs Young gave her printing outfit to Mrs Gould, and has sent all the Children she could control to Mrs McFarland's Home. So that the Wrangell Home

has wholly disappeared — with nothing left but unpleasant memories There is nothing therefore for the Board to keep.

Now for the future. As soon as possible secure and send a suitable Minister & his wife to take charge of the Wrangel Church. If after they get to Wrangell & get acquainted with the field, they should deem it wise to have a small home for girls, then send them a lady assistant to be Matron & general housekeeper in connection with the Minister's wife. — just such a Home as that at Juneau, with Rev & Mrs Willard and Miss Matthews.

That is the course recommended

by the Presbytery of Alaska at its annual meeting in June last they gave ample consideration of the Wrangell field in view of Mr Young's proposed departure, and recommended to the Board not to continue Mrs Young's Home. But to send a Minister there and if he should desire a small home or refuge for girls to allow it.

If I understand your letter, this is the position you also have taken.

In 1878 & 9 the Roman Catholics erected a Church & parsonage at Wrangell & for a few years kept a priest there. But he could make no headway against Mr Young & finally withdrew. If our Church should be vacant several months I fear a priest will be returned there

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and do as much mischief.

On this account it is very important that a Missionary should be found for Wrangell as soon as possible

Now for Sitka - Mr & Mrs Lake are here and take hold like good workers. Mr Lake will have charge of Shoe Shop. And also the engine in the Steamboat

A Carpenter is greatly needed - It is easy finding good Carpenters but not so easy finding Carpenters able to teach their trade. Prof. Butler of N.Y. Industrial College No 9 University Place may be able to help you. Either call on him, or ask him to call on you. He was at Sitka last season & had some conversation concerning the kind of Carpenter the Institution needed

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If Miss Rankin has not been sent, do not send her. She had one trial here and failed. She is a good Christian woman, anxious to do good but she is not fitted for a large school. I wrote Mrs Walker last steamer about her.

I am not responsible for Miss Lai's leaving, but consider it a good thing for both the Board & herself.

However she is going & that makes a vacancy in the school room.

Why is it not proper to allow Mr Kelly to select a teacher, provided she is a Presbyterian & recommended by her Church or Pastor? Mr Kelly was County Supt in Materu Pa and is acquainted with a large number

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of teachers, some of whom will fill all the requirements of the Board or Executive Com^tee. If you say the word either he or I can secure you a good teacher.

Miss Chisholm is also to leave (Confidential - to get Married), that makes another vacancy.

There is considerable doubt about Mrs Overend's returning, so that all together the Institution is straitened for workers. I presume Mr Kelley has written you all this. But I desire to emphasize it, that special efforts may be put forth to send the needed help. Mr Beatty desire that Mr Eaton come out this season. And if you can arrange to come either this season or next we will give you a royal welcome.

Very truly yours in Christ
Lucien Lucas

The following paper was attached to the annual Report of Juneau School No 1 by Mr George B. Johnston.

July 28th 8

Mr G.B. Johnson, teacher of School No 1 at Juneau has taken but little interest in his schools for the last two years.

He lacked in government and was irregular in opening and closing school, for which the parents of some of the children have made complaints

He was also extravagant in his management. For these & other reasons the Board of Education declined reappointing him

Hence he has given vent to his anger in this report, which is a series of misrepresentations from beginning to end.

Sheldon Jackson
Gen'l Agent

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July 2nd

W. D. McLeod Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of May 22nd and June 8th are received.

I have known that you had many difficulties to contend with and therefore have stood by you.

I know too it is hard to judge rightly when one is so far away as not to be able to take in all the surroundings.

At the same time I think we have a right to be disappointed when a person is taken at his own word & then fails.

You have been writing me that you can cut from 300 to 500 feet a day and I gave you about 30 working days, at the end of which you write me that you have 10,000 feet ready – what you claim you could do in 3 days

I think you must recognize that that gives some colouring to the reports that come from your neighbors, the Scots.

I also recognize that this has been a dry season, but other mills have been affected in the same way & have gone to work and raised their dams. I am confident that two days work would give you sufficient water. I do not wish to judge you harshly, but I think even you must allow that appearances as to ledge are against you.

Mr Charter is sanguine to come after the lumber costs $50. & of course he can not afford to come for less. The schooner will carry 100,000 feet & therefore I need a full load.

If 30,000 feet is all you can give me, I will be compelled to order the other from Mr Duncan.

Of course we would give you first preference, but if we can not get sufficient there, we are compelled to go elsewhere.

I buy on an average 100,000 feet a year. I did it last year. Will do it this year, & if life is spared will probably do it next year. You could have the whole of it, if there was any certainty that I could get the lumber.

But like this season. It rains so long days with fine weather & then leaves to

build. I have no lumber because I build on spec. Consequently by this mail I have ordered lumber for the three houses from Chicago and because I can get it by the Green Steamers.

If you can get 30,000 more, ready at the yard by the first fall, I can use it. If not, though I get it on call, I will stack it up & have it ready for early next spring.

This is a great disappointment and loss that you did not have it ready early in June.

By this mail I send you a package of papers.

Yours truly James

Chalmers Jackson

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Rev. L. Mills

Duncan Mackie

Dear Brother

I enclose you $38 more for Pres. Ch. Building Jamaica. I sent you $175 by last mail - This makes $212. There is $21 also unpaid that will come from Mr. Mackay total from Daniels of $233.

Please send me receipt for the $213. Kind regards to Mrs Mills.

Milk Bread & Church Evolution.
53 Fifth Ave. Milk Jok & Church plant

Your Bro in Christ
Milton Jackson

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August 16th 8

Gordon Hardware Co

Seattle Wn Terr.

Sir

Please ship to Industrial Training School Sitka Alaska 200 lbs of White lead paint with boiled fish oil & correspondence

Send bill to me

Ship by Pacific Coast Steamship Co, unless the Schooner Leo is still at Seattle & will load.

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

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August 16th 8

Mr Wm Duncan

Dear Friend

Please have me dozen Silver tea Spoons Made for me similar to those Made for Col Dawson, only smaller & lighter His Spoons were large enough for dessert Spoons I would prefer tea spoon size. I think $10 dolls in Coin will be sufficient for each Spoon I enclose you Check for $20 - When you ascertain full amount of expense I will balance account. Have totemic emblems engraven on handle of Spoons -

The boys are all in usual health

Kind regards to Dr Bluett.

Very Truly Yours

Cheldon Jackson

January 8th

Messrs D. Appleton & Co.
New York

Sir

Please mail me a copy of your last edition of Gillespie's Treatise on Surveying, Revised & Enlarged by Mr Edward Slater.

Send bill and I will remit you the price in a draft on New York

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Civil Engr.

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Aug 9th 8

Messrs Latourette & Bourne
Portland Or

Sirs
Enclosed find Check for $10 45/100.
Please sign and return receipt to me
Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

August 9th 8

Rev Drs Kendale & Irwin

Dear Brethren

The Rev Andrew S. Carver of Glen Rose Texas has expressed a desire to take the Church and Mission at Fort Wrangell, Alaska.

Rev J. P. White of Juneau, who knows him well, recommends him as a good man for the field.

It is so important that a Minister should be on the field, that I join in the request that Mr Carver be Commissioned to Fort Wrangell.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

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Aug 21 9th 8

Rev Andrew S. Carver
Glen Rose. Texas

Dear Bro

Rev J. P. White writes me that you would take the Mission field at Fort Wrangle & therefore I write by this mail to the Board of Home Missions asking that you may be appointed.

I trust that they will grant our request & send you on at once.

There action however is so uncertain that it will not be well for you to mention it on your present field until you hear from the Board -

The Lord guide and bless in so important a Matter.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

I scarcely need add, that if you come, we will all give you a warm welcome.

Aug 9th 8

Rev J. P. White

Dear Brother

Your note is recd And I have written the Board of Home Missions asking ~~his~~ Mr Carver's appointment to Fort Wrangell.

Do you also write, and ask Mr Willard to also sign it.

I like your Card to Tourists. It is a good thing. Please send me several

Kind regards to Mrs White

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

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August 9th 8

Merchants National Bank
42 Wall St. New York N.Y.

Mr C. V. Banta

Please place the enclosed three Checks $113.90, $237.60, and $241.00 to my Credit on your books

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

August 15th 8

Mr N. D. McLeod

Nerokan

Dear Friend

As I have been compelled to order the lumber for this summers work on Puget Sound (having waited to hear from you until, it is too late to order from Mr Duncan) I am now in need of the money I sent you for lumber. Please mail my Check for $100 to me at Sitka. Or if you have cashed and used it, ~~Send me~~ then sign and mail me the enclosed order on your Salary. I am very sorry that we have been unable to obtain the lumber from you. Next season we will again need 50.000 feet or more. Perhaps you will be able to supply it.

Very truly your friend

Sheldon Jackson

Hoonkan Alaska

Mr O. D. Eaton
Treasurer of Presbyterian
Board of Home Missions

Dear Sir
Please send Rev Sheldon Jackson a check for one hundred dollars and charge the same against my salary account.

Sign and return this to Sheldon Jackson Sitka.

August 21st 8

Troy Laundry Machinery Co
Troy N. Y.

Dear Sirs

I send you by express from Portland Oregon a piece of broken Casting belonging to the Mangle (48') purchased of you March 8th 85. I think it must have been broken in route, as it has all the appearance of an old crack.

Please send by express another direct to Prof Wm A. Kelly. Training School Sitka Alaska. Mail bill for same to me.

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

I return you the broken Casting that you may know what to send. We have been six months getting the Machinery set up & running. It works admirably. I

to impress upon you the fact that we were 1500 miles from supplies & that I wanted a complete list of valves, stop cocks elbows &c. &c., we have had to send to Seattle. However the Machinery is now running & giving good satisfaction. The extractor does its work well, but I fear everything is not right about it, as the cups or brass lining in one of its cylinders is already worn out, after three or four washings. The lubricating oil does not seem to reach it properly.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

August 21st 8

Mr Charles S. Fee
Genl Pass. Agt N.P.R.R.

Dear Friend

Please send me editorial transportation from Tacoma to Portland and Portland to St Paul good during the Months of October & November.

I can not say when I can leave here but I hope to reach Tacoma about the last of October. As there is considerable uncertainty whether the Ticket will reach me at Sitka, please enclose it to your City Ticket Agent at Tacoma, and let one of the Clerks drop me a line, that I will find it there.

The North Star has a larger Circulation than any paper in the Territory.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Ed & Proprietor of
North Star.

Sept 20th 8

Mr C. V. Banta

Cashier Merchants

National Bank New York

Dear Sir

I send you by registered mail the following Checks, which you will please place to my Credit on your books.

Pres Board of Commissioners to W. A. Kelly July 26. 1888. No 5382 for $47 96/100 (Merchants Nat Bk)

Ditto to Ida M. Rogers Aug 4. 1888 No 5422 for $125.00

Ditto to Miss Rhoda A Lee July 11. 1888 No 5263 for $125.00

Ditto to W. A. Kelly July 16. 1888 No 5331 for $62 50/100

Mechanics Nat Bk. N.Y.C. Wm Irvin to Sheldon Jackson. Sept 7. 88 No 27 $50.00

Columbian National Bk. Boston Emily A. Barbe to Sheldon Jackson Aug 29th 88 no 1092 $300.

(19 Wall St)

Zimmermann & Forshay to Sheldon Jackson
May 15th – 88 No 9. $2.00

National Bk of Washington to Amer Exchange
Natl Bk N.Y.C April 23, 88 No 13123 $50.00

Red Oak Natl Bk to Continental Natl Bk
Chicago June 30, 88 No 16245 $7.00

Clay Co Bk. Neb. to Chemical Natl Bk
N.Y.C Aug 2. 1888 No 7660 $14.20

Edgar Bk. Howard Bros Co to Chemical
Natl Bk N.Y.C Aug 7. 88 No 30659. $20.00

Wm Smith Brown to Amer Exchange Natl Bk
of N.Y. Aug 25. 88 $50.00

Making a total of $783.$\frac{65}{100}$

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

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Oct 10th 8

Col Elliott F. Shepard

New York

Dear Friend

Your welcome letter of Sept 24th is received and while it brought a heavy Cross, it also brought guidance. I have been praying all Summer a good deal over the Situation, and particularly of late with regard to the News by the Wilcoming Steamer, which has just arrived. Your letter and action seemed to have Come in answer to prayer And of Course there was nothing for a Christian to do but Submit "Not my will".

I recognize with you, and other friends, the importance of the position and its far reaching possibilities. I have decided to resign knowing that

it would cripple, if not almost closing the schools for the present.

I also think, that because of long experience and special knowledge of the situation, I can do for Christian Education and Civilization in Alaska what no other person can do.

But on the other side my hands have largely been tied by the Bureau of Education at Washington, I have also had to be seperated from my family for the greater part of the year, my wife being too much of an invalid to bear the long journey out here; Then when the season comes that I can not serve the Government out here, but could serve them last, and at the same time be with my family and am not allowed to leave is it strange that I feel that

there is a limit to the sacrifice yourselves that ought to be required of my wife & myself. I trust I am willing to make all needful sacrifices, but at times I confess I become very weary. So now, it is necessary for me to go east, so necessary that I had made all my arrangements to resign and leave by the next steamer; but in response to your letter I will hold on for the present until you have time to operate in Washington.

It may be of service for you to know that the Territorial Board of Education has passed a (unanimously) resolution requesting the Commissioner of Education to secure me leave of absence, which action will be forwarded by this steamer. The leave comes, if at all, from Secretary

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Vilas, through Commissioner Dawson. Among other influential democratic parties whom you may know, it might be well, if convenient to you, to secure the endorsement of Congressman S. S. Cox of New York City, Also Mayor Hewitt.

As it takes so long to secure returns from the east, if upon your visit to Washington you secure leave of absence for me, please telegraph me via Port Townsend. (The Telegraph & Mails despatches from that point) as it will be a great pleasure to reach my family at least for the holidays

With kind regards to your family I remain Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

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Oct 30th 8

Mr A. J. Davis
Dear Bro -

I am still here very much against my own will & do not know when I can get away.

I have received word from Washington refusing me leave of absence. That, as I thought, made the path of duty plain; so much so that I engaged my state room on the Steamer Sailing November 1st and was preparing my resignation to the Commissioner, when the mail of October 18th brought me such strong protests from influential men of both political parties in New York City, that I consented to remain awhile longer.

A few leading men in New York & Boston who had got hold of my probable purpose to leave insist on my staying

in the Board of Education. To do so is a great personal sacrifice with regard to my family, my father's estate that needs my attention, and on other accounts.

To remain is a trial greater than I can write. And yet I am here.

The Secretary of the Interior has enlarged the School Board to five members. adding Judge Sheakley, U.S. Commissioner at Wrangell & Mr William Duncan the Celebrated Missionary of British Columbia who brought several hundred Civilized ~~Indians~~ Natives last year into Alaska.

The Governor with the help of the Judge Healey has driven Corporal punishment out of the public Schools, & the Bible from all the Schools attended by White Children.

He has also entered upon a course, that

if he could carry it out, would completely demoralize the ~~Board~~ Schools - It is to be hoped if Cleveland is elected that he will not reappoint some of the Officers now here. The new additions to the Board are a check on the Governor's wild schemes - But in the recent legislation one of them was not here.

I need and greatly desire the prayers of God's people to give me wisdom to know what to do -

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

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Nov 8th 8

Mr O. D. Eaton

Dear Brother

When I came to Alaska last Spring, finding that we could not Charter a vessel to go to the Haydah Mill for Lumber unless we pledged a full load, in order to prevent further excuse on the part of Mr McLeod that he could not supply the lumber because he had no money to buy logs. on the 2nd of April I sent him a check of $100 from the funds Contributed by the Woman's National Indian Association for the Erection of two Cottages at Sitka, expecting to have it returned in lumber.

In other words I advanced $100 to the Mill for lumber.

Mr McLeod informs me ~~the~~ both

that he can not saw us the lumber ordered, and that he has used the $100 sent him in providing lumber for Mrs McHarland's Home.

Therefore I write you, that when you have money in your treasury for that Home, that you secure the return of the $100 that belongs to the Woman's Indian Association.

I am glad to hear that Mr McLeod is removed. I greatly regret to say that he has proven a failure.

I wish I knew how the Election has gone.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson.

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Nov 16th 8

Drs Kendall & Irvin

Dear Brethren

This month closes the third quarter of my present Commission. The last nine months have been unusually busy ones even for me. Soon after I returned here last Spring Mr Evennd went away to die and all Summer I have had the Oversight of the Carpenter boys with Donald Austin as Assistant. During the season we have built & equipped the Steam laundry. floored one half of the third Story of the boy's Home - Erected three Mobile Cottages for the boys - and accomplished Considerable repairing. I have also taken the English preaching in the Village on Sabbath afternoons, and the Sabbath afternoon drill of the Mission School

in the Shorter Catechism. All this has been in addition to my work as Supt. of the public Schools -

During the Summer we rose a half past five and breakfasted at 6 O'Clock.

Since the days have grown so short we rise at 6 and breakfast by lamp light at 6½ O'Clock - At 7½ O'Clock the bell rings for work. The boys are inspected by Prof Kelly. Orders issued for the day and the boys who do not attend School in the forenoon depart to their respective work. I go out with the Carpenter boys & much of the time remain with them. Sometimes when they are on plain work, after seeing them started I return to my desk to bring up my writing & Government business -

After dinner I go out with the Carpenter

boys who were in the School room during the forenoon. After Supper there is an evening Study hour, at which Miss Rogers has Charge of one grade of the School, and I of the other This keeps me until ¼ to 8. O'Clock When Mr Austin takes Charge of the School for Prayers - Then I go to my desk & write until bed time.

Thus our time here passes very swiftly & with the regularity of Clock work -

The School was never in a more prosperous Condition & yet it is Sadly in need of More workers - A Second teacher for the School room - a Carpenter and a Man to take Charge of the boys at general work outside of the Shops - Also a cook for the

lecture's mess - Prof Kelly looks worn & I sometimes fear will break down at his attempting to keep everything up with so little help -

I have asked from the Government leave of absence & hope to come last Thursday -

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

May 24th

Mr J. Hawkland.
Yellow Mill Co. Pittsburg Pa.
Seattle Ter.

Dear Sir

Please release your order of April 26th and ship by Water Schooner which will be at Seattle in a week or two.

Please add the following to the order of April 26th

3 Outside Blinds (Stationary Slats) each size to be 2'. 4½" x 5'. 10½"

1 Outside Blind 2' x 5'. Stationary Slat

Hung Sash for 16 windows & 2 Lts 12 x 14 Glass

Frames for same (Shipped Knocked down and securely fastened in bundles. Studding 4 inches thick. Rustic outside & Ceiling inside (No Mouldings)

14000 Shingles as ord.

4000 feet Rustic do

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5000 feet tongued, Grooved & Beaded Ceiling 1x4 Kiln dried No 2

3000 feet flooring T&G. 1x4 Kiln dried No 2

2000 feet 1x6 dressed

1000 running feet 1/4 inch round

1000 " " plain strips for windows (1/2 x 1 1/2 inches)

Mail bills for order of April 26th to the present one to me at Sitka in duplicate

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

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May 24th /

Gordon Hardware Co

Seattle Wn Ter

Sirs - Please return my order of about April 24 & 25 for the Steam Schooner Co which will be in Seattle in a week or two. To that order please add the following

6 Kegs of 8d nails - 2 Kegs of Shingle nails
2 " " 20d 2 " 30d
2 " " 12d.
200 lbs of White lead, with paint oil & mixing
20 joints of Terra Cotta pipe 6 inch
8 " " " " " "
7 tops " " " "
8 ~~to~~ pair 3½ x door hinge with screws to fit
½ doz rim locks. with fixtures
1 doz thumb latch & Co. for doors.

Please send bills in duplicate

Truly Yours

Shelton Sawhorse

-d. window catches & bolts

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Mr Wm Wadhams

Dear Friend

The same steamer that landed me at Sitka, took away Prof Kelley on a flying trip to his friends in the east.

He left me in Charge of the School.

He said he would order goods -

The institution is nearly out of the following supplies. If he is has ordered any that are on this list, then Cross them off of this. But if not, then please send by first steamer.

4 Doz Pen Holders in a package.
2 Boxes Coal oil
1 Doz rubber Hip boots nos 7 & 8
1 Doz Pick Axe handles
1/2 ~~[illegible]~~ Doz rakes (iron teeth)
1 Box 12x18 Glass.
1 Doz boxes White Spool Cotton no 50-20

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Sewing Room

1 Doz Boxes Slate Spool Cotton nos 50-20
1 " " Black " " 50-20-30
1 Gross Buttons A.B. No 20
3 Doz Steel Thimbles
Package Needles (Sharps) Nos 5 & 4
1 Case bottles Sewing Machine oil
1 " Knitting Needles Nos 5. 6. 8 & 12
6 - 5 lb bunches Stocking yarn Gray & Red
3 Boxes Cotton Hose. Brown Hose Mixed Ribbed (No 9½
6 Sides Cow hide heavy
4 Pair of Clamps
1 - 17 inch roller
6 Bottles Shoemaker ink
7 oz Bristles
4 lbs Barbours thread No 12

Shoe Shop

25 lbs 4/8 inch 16 Extra Swedes iron Shoe lines
25 " 5/8 " 16 " " " " "
25 " 6/8 " 16 " " " " "
25 " 7/8 " 16 " " " " "

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6 lbs 2 oz Extra Swedes Iron Shoe tacks
2 lbs Carbon Bisulphit
6 pairs Men's lasts Nos 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9
round toe & not iron bottoms.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Acting Supt